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Remington to pay $73M

State's gun control advocates cheer settlement, which is believed to be the largest of its kind

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

Gun control advocates in Connecticut celebrated Tuesday as the maker of a rifle used to kill 26 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012 agreed to pay $73 million to the families of nine victims.

"No amount of money could ever repay the [Sandy Hook] families for their losses that they've suffered," Jeremy Stein, executive director of CT Against Gun Violence, said Tuesday. "But it also marks a historic moment that shows that the gun industry can be held accountable."

The lawsuit alleged that Remington, whose Bushmaster AR-15-style rifle was used in the Sandy Hook massacre nearly a decade ago, had aggressively marketed the gun to troubled young men, in violation of state law.

As part of the settlement, believed to the largest ever involving a gunmaker and mass shooting victims, Remington will pay $73 million to nine families

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A memorial set up outside Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown in 2012. **FILE**

Gunmaker settles yearslong lawsuit, agrees to split funds among families of nine victims

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

The families of nine victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting have agreed to a $73 million settlement of a lawsuit against the maker of the rifle used to kill 20 first graders and six educators in 2012.

Remington, which made the Bushmaster AR-15-style rifle used in the massacre, also agreed to allow the families to release numerous documents they obtained during the lawsuit, including ones showing how it marketed the weapon, the families said Tuesday.

The families and a survivor of the shooting sued Remington in 2015, saying the company should have never sold such a dangerous weapon to the public.

They said their focus was on preventing future mass shootings.

"Today is not about honoring our son Benjamin. Today is about how and why Ben died," said Francine Wheeler, whose 6-year-old son was killed in the

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'Godfather' of Unified Sports calls it a career

Doherty has led Special Olympics in state since 1993

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Beau Doherty, the longtime Connecticut Special Olympics president who started Unified Sports, is retiring as of Aug. 29.

Doherty, 67, who lives in Portland, started his career at the Dever State School in Taunton, Massachusetts. He has been involved in Special Olympics for 40 years. He joined Connecticut Special Olympics in 1986 and became the president in 1993.

In 1992, Doherty pitched the idea of Unified Sports to Mike Savage, then the executive director of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference. Connecticut became the first state to organize the program where a partner without disabilities plays on the same team as an athlete with intellectual or physical disabilities under the umbrella of its high school athletic federation.

"Mike was far ahead in his world," said Doherty in 2013. "He only wanted to do an inclusionary [program]. He didn't want to do a segregated one."

The first year, an elementary school and a middle school signed up. Now there are 132 high schools, 81 middle schools and 61 elementary schools involved in Unified Sports in the state. Soccer, basketball, volleyball, track and field are offered, and flag football is starting to become popular.

"I was relatively new at the CIAC," Savage said in 2013. "I came [from a principal's job],

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Beau Doherty pitched the idea of Unifed Sports in 1992, and he became the head of Connecticut's Special Olympics the next year. **COURANT FILE**

"They are the startup capital of the world, in many ways ... When they want a foothold in the United States of America, when they want to be part of a bigger market, if you go to the usual suspects — Boston or New York — for half the price, you can come to Connecticut."

—Gov. Ned Lamont, on a trip to Israel that he hopes will spur jobs for the Nutmeg State

Gov. Ned Lamont announces Tuesday at Hartford's UConn campus that he is traveling to Israel. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

LAMONT TO WOO ISRAELI BUSINESSES

By Christopher Keating | Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Gov. Ned Lamont will be leading an 11-member delegation this week to Israel, hoping to generate business and possibly American headquarters in Connecticut for firms interested in health care, life sciences, and financial technology.

Lamont and the delegation will meet with the leading venture capital firms in Israel, which has 6,000 start-ups and small companies, officials said. State officials announced the trip at the University of Connecticut campus in Hartford, where state economic development commissioner David Lehman noted that the trip has been planned since 2019 before being delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the first governor of Connecticut to travel to Israel in the past 25 years, Lamont is hoping to return home with jobs for the state.

"Israel is a perfect fit because they are the leading innovators in life sciences, and biotech and the defense industry and fintech — all the groups that we're bringing over," Lamont told reporters. "They are the startup capital of the world, in many ways, per capita. ... When they want a foothold in the United States of America, when they want to be part of a bigger market, if you go to the usual suspects — Boston or New York — for half the price, you can come to Connecticut. That's part of what our message is."

Lamont added, "I think this is going to be the first of many like this. ... I look forward to a really productive week."

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The last trade mission came in 1997 when Republican Gov. John G. Rowland met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other leaders working on joint Connecticut-Israeli economic ventures.

Lehman said he has already been talking to two companies, including one potentially looking into a factory in the United States. Through numerous roundtables with venture capitalists, the Connecticut delegation will make connections with various companies.

"Connecticut and Israel should be joined at the hip," said Lehman, who is organizing the mission.

In discussion with one business executive, Lehman said he was told that the company was looking for a site with competitive costs and a high quality of life "within three hours of JFK" international airport in New York City because the airport

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Health network accused of anticompetitive practices

A group of Connecticut residents has sued Hartford HealthCare, accusing the state's largest hospital network of driving up prices with anticompetitive practices. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Lamont pledges transparency in probe of state projects

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

Gov. Ned Lamont speaks with the media at the UConn Hartford campus during a news conference Tuesday announcing a weeklong economic development trip to Israel. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

Gov. Ned Lamont pledged transparency Tuesday in the investigation into state projects overseen by a former official, saying the administration will "get to the bottom of it" and not oppose public hearings by the legislature.

Some Republicans have called for hearings in the case of Kosta Diamantis, a former Democratic state legislator who rose to become the second-highest ranking official in Lamont's budget office.

Diamantis was fired by Lamont's administration last year after concerns were raised by federal investigators about his oversight of public school construction and the State Pier projects.

Questions also arose separately over the hiring of Diamantis' daughter, Anastasia, by the chief state's attorney, Richard Colangelo. Under fire, Colangelo has announced that he will retire as the state's top prosecutor. Anastasia Diamantis has been placed on leave.

Lamont said he would not oppose an inquiry by the legislature that has been suggested by Republicans.

"If they want a public hearing, they can have a public hearing, sure," Lamont told reporters Tuesday at an unrelated press conference at the UConn campus in downtown Hartford.

Lamont's budget director, Melissa McCaw, who was the direct supervisor of Diamantis, missed a key presentation to the tax-writing finance committee Tuesday on Lamont's tax package. But Lamont says she will be remaining with the administration.

"Oh, absolutely," Lamont said. "I just traded texts with her. I just wished her the best. She's had two straight COVID diagnoses. She's got her team there talking to finance today."

Lamont said that two of Connecticut's former top federal prosecutors have looked into the issues involving Diamantis and Colangelo.

"Nora [Dannehy] got together with Stan Twardy — two former U.S. attorneys," Lamont said. "We came forward immediately. We said, 'Leave no stone unturned.' Zero tolerance for this type of stuff. Follow where it may. That's what Stan Twardy's report showed."

Twardy was hired by the state and conducted the investigation into the hiring of Anastasia Diamantis by Colangelo. The investigation into the state projects is being done by federal officials.

"At the same time, Nora is working proactively with the other federal investigation to make sure that people have 100% confidence," Lamont said.

"We're hiring auditors to go over all those school projects as well, just to make sure people have confidence. We see something like this, and we act fast. Zero tolerance."

Lamont said that he did not know about the Colangelo situation "until I read [Hartford Courant columnist] Kevin Rennie's article about the ethics violations regarding the hiring of Diamantis' daughter — and we acted on that promptly."

Members of the Connecticut State Building Trades Council were prepared to talk to Lamont about Diamantis during a meeting on July 22, 2020, according to a union meeting agenda disclosed by Rennie. The agenda mentioned Diamantis in detail concerning various construction jobs, including the Birch Grove Elementary School in Tolland that has raised concerns.

"None of that came up," Lamont said Tuesday. "There was real concern about PLAs [project labor agreements]. There was real concern about Killingly. That's what we addressed then and there. I don't remember anything related to Kosta. ... Nothing that rose to my level where it was actionable."

Lamont did not fault McCaw regarding her oversight of the elder Diamantis.

"There's a lot going on in that office, but the secretary has got the deputies, and they report to her," Lamont said. "So I think we all could have done better."

Lamont said he is not sure if the probes will touch only Diamantis and Colangelo.

"I don't know," Lamont said in response to the Courant. "All I can tell you is if it does, we're going to find them. As soon as we find them, you're going to be the first to know."

He added, "We'll get to the bottom of it."

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has frequent flights to Israel.

"We want to really sell Connecticut," Lehman said.

The press conference was interrupted at the UConn campus in Hartford by burning popcorn in a microwave, setting off an alarm that told students to evacuate the building.

That gave Lamont a chance to chat with students both outside and inside the building.

While outside, Lamont bumped into a former student named Dylan who had taken a class 25 years ago when Lamont was a volunteer teacher at Harding High School in Bridgeport.

"Dylan said he tried a couple of things in the start-up world and is now a guidance counselor," Lamont told reporters. "So hopefully he's guiding a lot of would-be entrepreneurs right out of programs like this."

Lamont said during the press conference that the microwave became "the most famous in Connecticut," joking that UConn could offer a cooking class.

The last trade mission came in 1997 when Republican Gov. John G. Rowland met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other leaders working on joint Connecticut-Israeli economic ventures as part of a five-day trip.

"You can never measure a trade mission until a year later," Rowland said at the time.

"There's a tendency for people to ask immediately — so what jobs are created and what companies are investing here? We look at this trip as just the beginning."

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PLAY4 NIGHT
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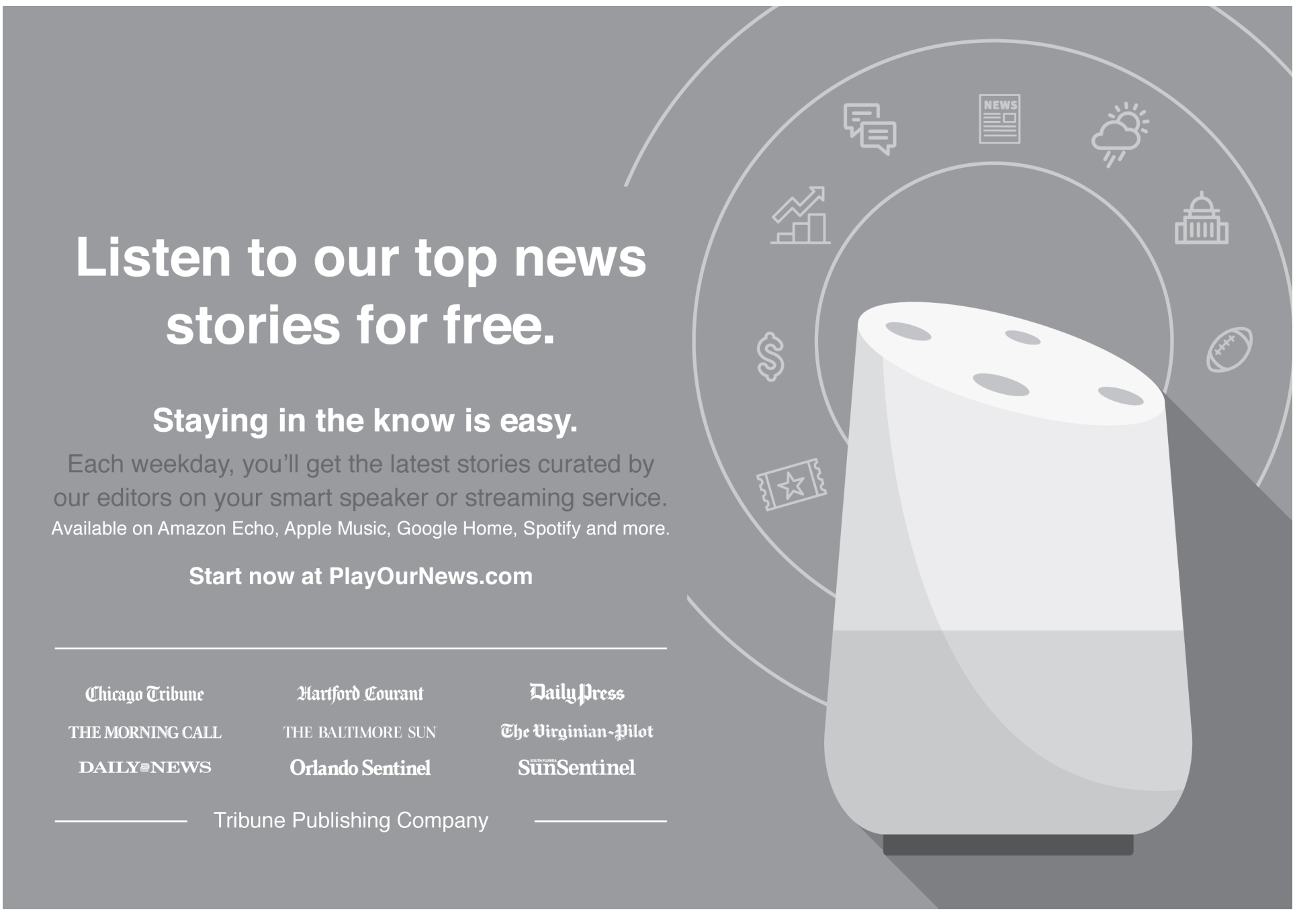
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Colleges urged to stop giving legacy preferences

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press

America's elite colleges are facing growing calls to end the decades-old tradition of giving an admissions boost to the children of alumni — a practice that critics say is rooted in racism and bestows an unfair advantage to students who need it least.

Fueled by the national reckoning with racial injustice, opponents say they are gaining momentum in the battle over the contentious policy of legacy preferences.

Ivy League students are pressing administrators to abandon the policy. Yale's student government took a stance against the practice in November. A recent vote of Harvard students found that 60% oppose it. Hundreds of students and alumni across 30 colleges have promised to withhold financial donations over the issue.

Civil rights groups are increasingly adding their support, including the American Civil Liberties Union, which is tackling legacy preferences as part of a campaign against systematic racism.

A bill in Congress aims to eliminate the practice.

The proposal from Democrats would outlaw preferences for children of alumni or donors at colleges that receive federal money. It's being pushed by the party's progressive wing but has gained support from some conservative activists who want college admissions to be based on merit alone.

Legacy preferences give an extra boost to predominantly white and wealthy legacy students, while "leaving out millions of Black and brown kids," said Rep. Jamaal Bowman, D-N.Y., a sponsor.

"There has been a shift in the consciousness of the country around issues of inequity and inequality," Bowman said. "There's a real yearning to right the wrongs of our past."

In the heavily guarded world of college admissions, it's hard to know exactly how many legacy students get a nudge. But at some of the most selective colleges, students with family ties make up 10% to 20% of the latest incoming class, according to data released by colleges in response to an Associated Press request.

On many campuses, the opposition is being led by students of color and those who are the first in their families to attend college. They say legacy status is one more advantage for students who are already more likely to have access to tutoring, test prep and other help applying to college.

Zoe Fuad, a junior at Brown University, said it reinforces a "cycle of inequity" that was designed to serve wealthy white men.

"By perpetually giving advantages to their descendants, we're ensuring that those who were systemically favored continue to be favored," said Fuad, 20, who leads a student group that's challenging the practice at Brown.

Many prestigious colleges defend legacy admissions, saying it helps build an alumni community and encourages donations. Officials at Harvard and other schools argue that legacy status is just one of many factors considered in admissions, along with grades, test scores and pursuits outside school. At most, they say, it can provide a slight tip in a student's favor.

Still, two colleges have ended the practice recently, giving opponents hope that others will follow.

Amherst College in Massachusetts dropped the policy in October, saying it "inadvertently limits educational opportunity." Johns Hopkins University announced in 2020 that it had phased out legacy preferences. Since then, the school has drawn growing numbers of Black and Hispanic students, along with those from low-income families. The pushback against legacy preferences is advancing amid a broader debate over fairness in college admissions.

Last month the Supreme Court agreed to review whether colleges can consider applicants' race as a way to expand diversity. The court will take up lawsuits alleging that Harvard University and the University of North Carolina discriminate against Asian American applicants in favor of Black and Hispanics.

In a rare moment of bipartisan unity, the conservative strategist behind those suits voiced support for the Democrats' bill against legacy benefits. In a statement, Edward Blum said too many colleges "lower the admissions bar for the children of their alumni."

Most schools are not required to disclose how many legacy students they enroll, and many keep it private. Among the nation's 30 most selective colleges, only eight provided basic data on the subject in response to an AP request.

At those colleges, the share of legacy students in this year's freshman class averaged 12%. The lowest share was at Rice University in Houston, where 4% of this year's first-year class had legacy status. The University of Notre Dame said legacy students have averaged 23% of the student body over the past decade.

Legacy students outnumbered Black students in freshman classes at four schools: Notre Dame, Cornell, Dartmouth and the University of Southern California. At Brown, the share of legacy and Black students was about even.

Harvard declined to disclose details, but data made public during its trial over affirmative action showed that family ties carry outsize weight. From 2014 to 2019, the acceptance rate for legacy applicants was 34%, compared with 6% for applicants without legacy status, according to an analysis by the suit's plaintiffs.

Critics of the practice say it contributes to persistently low numbers of Black students at top colleges. During the racial reckoning following the killing of George Floyd by police, hundreds of students at Georgetown University signed a letter calling for an end to legacy preference, saying it "relegates qualified Black students to second-tier status."

Historians have traced legacy preference to the 1920s as elite colleges sought to limit the number of Jewish students. It continued for decades at a time when the vast majority of college students in the U.S. were white men.

At many schools with legacy preferences, Black students were not admitted until the 1960s, said Michael Dannenberg, a vice president at the Education Reform Now think tank.

"White applicants have between eight and 16 generations of ancestors on which to establish an alumni connection," said Dannenberg, who has opposed the practice since he was an aide to Sen. Ted Kennedy, the late Massachusetts Democrat, two decades ago. "For the vast majority of Black and Latino applicants, there's maybe one or two generations."

On college campuses, student activists say they continue to face resistance from school leaders who defend the policy. But at a time of rising populism in the United States, colleges are unlikely to find allies in Congress and other halls of power, said Richard Kahlenberg, a senior fellow at the Century Foundation, a progressive think tank in Washington.

Especially in the wake of the Varsity Blues admissions scandal, he said, it's becoming more difficult for colleges to defend policies that benefit the wealthy.

"They are clearly vulnerable on this issue," he said.

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and also release documents revealing how the company marketed the rifle used in the attack.

"This victory should serve as a wake-up call not only to the gun industry but also the insurance and banking companies that prop it up," Josh Koskoff, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said. "For the gun industry, it's time to stop recklessly marketing all guns to all people for all uses and instead ask how marketing can lower risk rather than court it."

The lawsuit against Remington was originally considered a long shot due to federal protections for gun manufacturers. But in 2019 the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled that Remington could be sued under state law over how it marketed the rifle, leading to Tuesday's settlement.

Remington had argued there was no evidence to establish that its marketing had anything to do with the shooting.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, a Newtown-based group that represents gunmakers, said courts should not have allowed the case to proceed and it believes the plaintiffs would have lost at trial. It also said the settlement should have no effect on the The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, the 2005 federal law that shielded gun makers from liability.

Stein said he views the settlement as evidence that "the gun industry is more vulnerable than they once thought."

"I think we're going to start to see a lot more lawsuits against the gun industry," he said. "And then what will happen is they're going to have to change the way they do business, and they're going to have to start thinking about whether or not they're going to be profiting off of this kind of loss or whether they're going to start investing in safer practices and gun safety."

Attorney Josh Koskoff speaks at a news conference in Trumbull on Tuesday in front of an image of the advertising Remington used for an AR-15-style rifle. **SETH WENIG / AP**

U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., one of the most vocal gun control advocates in Congress, called the settlement a "groundbreaking victory," that he expects to weaken the gun industry.

"You can't market weapons of war to the masses and claim to have no role in our nation's gun violence epidemic," Murphy said in a statement. "Today sends the clear message to the gun industry that the days of their near-total immunity from responsibility are over."

Other members of Connecticut's Congressional delegation also cheered the settlement. U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, in a statement, said Remington's payout "sends a clear message to gun manufacturers that they will be held accountable for these weapons of war."

U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-3 , called the news "a positive step forward as we continue the fight to hold gun manufacturers accountable and collectively work to enact long-overdue legislation to keep guns out of the wrong hands."

"This is a historic day, one that would not be possible without the unparalleled courage and determination of the Sandy Hook families who, despite their unspeakable pain and grief, led this fight for nearly eight years," DeLauro said in a statement.

U.S. Rep John Larson, D-1 , tweeted that Congress should pass legislation repealing the near-total immunity for gun manufacturers that makes lawsuits such as the one against Remington more difficult.

At the Connecticut state capitol, pro-gun control legislators also said they were pleased with the settlement.

"I think it certainly is something to be celebrated," Senate President Pro Tem Martin Looney, a Democrat from New Haven, said. "It is critically important, I think, to recognize that there is an accountability factor for those who sell and market those guns in a way that really is not primarily targeted toward sport."

Associated Press contributed to this report. Courant staff writer Seamus McAvoy contributed reporting.

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shooting. "It is about what is right and what is wrong. Our legal system has given us some justice today, but David and I will never have true justice. True justice would be our fifteen-year-old healthy and here with us."

Messages seeking comment were left for Remington and its lawyers Tuesday.

The civil court case in Connecticut focused on how the firearm used by the Newtown shooter — a Bushmaster XM15-E2S rifle — was marketed, alleging it targeted younger, at-risk males in marketing and product placement in violent video games. In one of Remington's ads, it features the rifle against a plain backdrop and the phrase: "Consider Your Man Card Reissued."

Remington had argued there was no evidence to establish that its marketing had anything to do with the shooting.

The company also had said the lawsuit should have been dismissed because of a federal law that gives broad immunity to the gun industry. But the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled Remington could be sued under state law over how it marketed the rifle. The gun maker appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which declined to hear the case.

The case was watched by gun control advocates, gun rights supporters and gun manufacturers across the country because it had the potential to provide a roadmap for victims of other mass shootings to circumvent the federal law and sue the makers of firearms.

Remington, one of the nation's oldest gun makers founded in 1816, filed for bankruptcy for a second time in 2020, and its assets were later sold off to several companies.

The manufacturer was weighed down by lawsuits and retail sales restrictions following the school shooting.

Four insurers for the now-bankrupt company agreed to pay the full amount of coverage available, totaling $73 million, the plaintiffs said.

"This victory should serve as a wake-up call not only to the gun industry, but also the insurance and banking companies that prop it up. For the gun industry, it's time to stop recklessly marketing all guns to all people for all uses and instead ask how marketing can lower risk rather than court it," said Josh Koskoff, a lawyer for the plaintiffs.

Adam Lanza, the 20-year-old gunman in the Sandy Hook shooting, used the rifle made by Remington and legally owned by his mother to kill the children and educators on Dec. 14, 2012, after having killed his mother at their Newtown home.

He then used a handgun to kill himself as police arrived.

Lanza's severe and deteriorating mental health problems, his preoccupation with violence and access to his mother's weapons "proved a recipe for mass murder," according to Connecticut's child advocate.

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and I realized the mentally handicapped were isolated and segregated from the rest of the school body. There was a culture that the non-handicapped kids were somewhat frightened to be around the handicapped kids. You could break down those barriers rather easily. We did it with student activities.

"I just knew it would work and work well."

As a college student, Doherty said he was planning to work in wildlife management or become a park ranger.

"I got hijacked when I was a junior by the head of recreation at Dever State School who said, 'I'd like you to come here. I know you have a summer job lined up in Maine. I'll let you do this big outdoor recreation program, and I'll give you this money to do it,' " Doherty said. "I went there and got out of my car and I'm getting hugged by 80 people. It was like, 'What the heck is going on here?' I went in, did my interview, came out and got hugged again. That kind of ended it for me, what I was going to do."

Doherty always embraced inclusion. He got the idea for Unified Sports in 1977 when he was watching his charges bowl at Dever State School and wondered why they couldn't bowl at a local bowling alley since many of them were better than the bowlers without disabilities he knew.

"I was bringing people to restaurants — they had never been to a restaurant," he said. "They were 50 years old and they had never been to a restaurant. They had never been to a movie theater. People just have no idea what it was like back then."

Doherty initially had a rough time getting Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the founder of Special Olympics, to buy into his Unified idea because she didn't want the partners of the Unified athletes to dominate games and get the limelight. Eventually she came around and endorsed the idea.

"He likes to be known as the 'Godfather' of Unified Sports," said Bob Hale, the director of the CIAC's Unified Sports program. "But he's really the inventor. He started the whole idea and sold it to Special Olympics and it was not an easy sell because it was not their model. He has shepherded it across the world."

The idea grew beyond Doherty's wildest dreams. In 2019, 1.8 million people were involved in Unified Sports in 180 countries.

"In the early years, being an inclusionist and having a different philosophy than a number of people in the ranks of Special Olympics, I thought, 'If this happens, this will be in the United States and a few other countries and that will be unbelievable,' " Doherty said.

Doherty also was an early advocate of coaching his athletes in Special Olympics.

"It was more of a field day," he said in 2013 of most Special Olympics events in the late 1970s. "There were clowns and all that kind of stuff. I was coaching and people were like, 'Why is this guy coaching?' "

Shriver backed him on this idea as well and incorporated coaching and officiating into her programs. Doherty initially trained coaches in Massachusetts, then became a program director, then the assistant director for Special Olympics in Connecticut in 1986.

When the Special Olympics World Games came to Connecticut in 1995, Doherty supported the efforts of organizers Peter Wheeler and Tim Shriver. He has served as chair of the North American Leadership Council, providing advice to Special Olympics staff on planning, policies and decisions. He helped establish a Special Olympics program in Jordan and co-chaired the Special Olympics Indigenous Peoples Initiative in North America.

"I've been getting a lot of really nice emails from around the world," Doherty said. "I've been around long enough to have my fingers everywhere."

In his retirement, Doherty said he plans to spend time with his grandchild, become more active in his church and pursue his hobby of nature photography.

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US wary of Russian troop pullback

Putin says he's open to more discussions on Ukraine standoff

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A Ukrainian serviceman fires an anti-tank weapon during a drill Tuesday in the eastern part of the country. **VADIM GHIRDA/AP**

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday that he welcomed a security dialogue with the West as his military reported pulling back some of its troops near Ukraine. But U.S. President Joe Biden said the U.S. had not verified Russia's claim and that an invasion was still a distinct possibility.

Putin said he does not want war and would rely on negotiations as he presses his demand for the West to halt Ukraine's bid to join NATO. At the same time, he did not commit to a full pullback of troops, saying Russia's next moves in the standoff will depend on how the situation evolves.

In remarks at the White House, Biden promised that the U.S. would continue to give diplomacy "every chance" to prevent a Russian invasion, but he struck a skeptical tone about Moscow's intentions. Biden also insisted that the U.S. and its allies would not to "sacrifice basic principles" respecting Ukraine sovereignty.

"Two paths are still open," Biden said. "But let there be no doubt: If Russia commits this breach by invading Ukraine, responsible nations around the world will not hesitate to respond. If we do not stand for freedom where it is at risk today, we'll surely pay a steeper price tomorrow."

Putin's overtures soothed global markets that have been on edge amid the worst East-West tensions in decades. Washington and its European allies remained cautious, saying they want to see evidence of a Russian pullback. Biden said 150,000 Russian forces are massed near Ukraine, an increase from an earlier estimate of 130,000 troops.

The U.S. and NATO continue to warn that Russia could invade at any time as they sent troops and military supplies to shore up NATO members in Eastern Europe. Russia has denied having such plans. It wants the West to keep Ukraine and other ex-Soviet nations out of the alliance, halt weapons deployments near Russian borders and roll back forces from Eastern Europe.

The U.S. and its allies have roundly rejected those demands, but offered to engage in talks with Russia on ways to bolster security in Europe.

Speaking after meeting with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Putin said the West agreed to discuss a ban on missile deployment to Europe, restrictions on military drills and other confidence-building measures — issues that Moscow put on the table years ago.

He said Russia is open to discuss "some of those elements," but added that it would only do so in combination "with the main issues that are of primary importance for us."

Asked if there could be a war in Europe, Putin said Russia doesn't want it but that Ukraine's bid to join NATO posed a major security threat to his country.

While Scholz reiterated that NATO's eastward expansion "is not on the agenda — everyone knows that very well," Putin retorted that Moscow will not be assuaged by such assurances.

"They are telling us it won't happen tomorrow," Putin said. "Well, when will it happen? The day after tomorrow? What does it change for us in the historic perspective? Nothing."

Putin went on to argue NATO expansion violates the principle of the indivisibility of security enshrined in international documents. "We want to solve this issue now as part of negotiation process through peaceful means," he said. "We very much hope that our partners hear our concerns and take them seriously."

Scholz also said diplomatic options are "far from exhausted," and praised the announcement of a troop withdrawal as a "good signal," adding: "We hope that more will follow."

The Russian Defense Ministry released images of tanks and howitzers rolling onto railway platforms and more tanks rolling across snowy fields. It did not disclose where or when the images were taken, or where the vehicles were headed, other than "to places of permanent deployment."

Biden acknowledged the likelihood that U.S. and allied sanctions on Russia in retaliation for an invasion of Ukraine would have significant blowback on the economy, including possible price hikes and disruption to the nation's energy supply.

"The American people understand that defending democracy and liberty is never without cost," Biden said. "I will not pretend this will be painless."

He said the administration was trying to preempt supply issues by working with energy producers and shippers on contingency plans, and said he would work with Congress on unspecified "additional measures to protect consumers and address the impact of prices at the pump."

Russian forces continue to threaten Ukraine along the eastern border and from the Black Sea Crimean Peninsula that Moscow seized from Ukraine in 2014, the year when it also backed a separatist insurgency in the country's east. More Russian troops loom over Ukraine in Belarus, where they were deployed for sweeping joint drills.

Ukraine expressed skepticism about Russia's statements of a pullback.

"We won't believe when we hear, we'll believe when we see. When we see troops pulling out, we'll believe in de-escalation," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said.

Senate OKs Biden's pick to lead FDA in tight vote

Califf returning to agency after brief stint under Obama

By Matthew Perrone and Kevin Freking
Associated Press

Dr. Robert Califf, President Biden's pick to lead the Food and Drug Administration, headed up the agency toward the end of President Obama's second term. **MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP 2021**

WASHINGTON — The Senate narrowly confirmed President Joe Biden's pick to lead the Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday pushing past a thicket of political controversies that threatened to derail what was initially expected to be an easy confirmation.

The 50-46 vote means Dr. Robert Califf, a cardiologist and prominent medical researcher, will again lead the powerful regulatory agency, which he briefly headed during the end of President Barack Obama's administration.

The FDA hasn't had a permanent leader in more than a year despite playing a central role in the COVID-19 response effort, reviewing the vaccines, drugs and tests used to fight the pandemic.

The vote underscores the increasing political polarization around the health care issues FDA oversees and contrasts with Califf's overwhelming support six years ago. The Senate previously confirmed him to the job by a vote of 89-4.

Califf now inherits a raft of reviews and decisions pending at the agency, which regulates several multibillion-dollar industries, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs, medical devices, tobacco products and most foods.

Califf's to-do list also includes specific commitments he's made to Senate lawmakers to clinch the job. In particular, he has vowed to quickly launch a comprehensive review of opioid painkillers like OxyContin, which helped trigger the worst drug epidemic in U.S. history after their FDA approval in the 1990s.

Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., urged senators to oppose Califf, saying he bears "a great deal of responsibility" for many of the drug overdose deaths that have occurred in the years since his first stint as FDA commissioner. During his 11-month tenure, Califf added new warning labels to opioids and commissioned outside recommendations on how to tighten regulation of the drugs. But he was replaced by President Donald Trump before implementing any major changes.

"Nothing that Dr. Califf has said or done has led me to believe he will operate the FDA any differently than he did during his previous tenure," said Manchin, whose home state has been ravaged for decades by opioid addiction and overdoses.

The White House long assumed enough Republicans would support Califf to easily overcome any Democratic defections, given his strong support from pharmaceutical companies and patient groups.

But anti-abortion advocates recently launched a campaign to sink his Senate vote, outraged by a recent FDA decision that eased access to abortion pills. Groups including the Susan B. Anthony List threatened to pull support from any Republican senators supporting Califf.

In the end, six Republicans joined with all but five Democrats in voting to confirm Califf.

Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., advocated for Califf on the Senate floor, saying that he had not seen someone with such a short previous stint at the FDA who "accomplished anything, much less the many negatives that have been raised."

Dr. Janet Woodcock, the FDA's longtime drug center director, had been serving as acting commissioner since last January. She announced Tuesday via Twitter that she would continue working at the agency as a principal deputy commissioner.

More than a year after authorizing the first COVID-19 vaccines, the FDA still faces several key decisions, including whether to expand their use to children younger than 5. Last week the FDA unexpectedly delayed its timeline for reviewing Pfizer's vaccine for that age group.

FDA commissioners serve as the go-between for the agency's scientists and the White House. That relationship has strained over the past year as Biden's COVID-19 task force has repeatedly gotten out ahead of the FDA's methodical, scientific reviews.

Califf will also need to replace the head of the FDA's tobacco center, which is weighing whether to ban e-cigarettes from Juul, Reynolds American and other vaping companies due to their use by teens. FDA tobacco's longtime director, Mitch Zeller, is set to retire this spring.

The FDA is also crafting new regulations to ban menthol cigarettes, a long-sought goal for many Democratic lawmakers and public health advocates.

Califf has publicly championed the potential to save hundreds of thousands of lives by embracing FDA's authority to ban certain tobacco products and ingredients. Though the FDA has had those powers for more than a decade, its efforts to regulate both traditional cigarettes and e-cigarettes have been stymied by industry lawsuits.

Britain's Prince Andrew avoids a trial with deal. **STEVE PARSONS/POOL PHOTO 2021**

Prince Andrew settles sex abuse case with Epstein accuser

By Benjamin Weiser
The New York Times

NEW YORK — Prince Andrew, the second son of Queen Elizabeth II, has settled a lawsuit brought by Virginia Giuffre, a woman who had accused him of raping her when she was a teenage victim of Andrew's friend, sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, according to a new court filing Tuesday in Manhattan.

The amount that Andrew, 61, will pay Giuffre is confidential, the parties said in a joint statement attached to the filing.

Andrew also "intends to make a substantial donation" to a charity "in support of victims' rights," the statement says.

The deal comes weeks before Andrew was scheduled to sit for a deposition, in which he would have been questioned under oath by Giuffre's lawyers. Andrew did not admit to any of Giuffre's accusations against him in the statement announcing the settlement.

In the wake of the allegations, Andrew was forced to relinquish his military titles and royal charities, no longer was to use the title "His Royal Highness," and was "not to undertake any public duties," Buckingham Palace said last month.

In her lawsuit, Giuffre claimed that Andrew, known as the Duke of York, sexually abused her when she was under 18 at Epstein's mansion in Manhattan and on his private island, Little St. James, in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The suit also claimed that Andrew, Epstein and his longtime companion, Ghislaine Maxwell, had forced Giuffre to have sexual intercourse with Andrew at Maxwell's home in London. Giuffre had feared repercussions if she disobeyed the three because of "their powerful connections, wealth and authority," the lawsuit said.

Epstein, 66, was found dead in August 2019 in a Manhattan jail cell while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges. Maxwell, 60, was convicted of sex trafficking and other counts in a trial in December.

In the statement Tuesday, Andrew said it was "known that Jeffrey Epstein trafficked countless young girls over many years," and that he "regrets his association with Epstein and commends the bravery of Ms. Giuffre and other survivors in standing up for themselves and others."

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Parents bill of rights gaining traction

GOP shifting focus toward curriculum transparency bills

By Julie Carr Smyth and Casey Smith
Associated Press

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Katie Peters, an English teacher at Whitmer High School in Toledo, Ohio, says curriculum transparency "is always there." JOHN SEEWER/AP

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Republican state lawmakers across the U.S. are trying to require schools to post all course materials online so parents can review them, part of a broader national push by the GOP for a sweeping parents bill of rights ahead of the midterm congressional elections.

At least one proposal would give parents with no expertise power over curriculum choices. Parents also could file complaints about certain lessons and in some cases sue school districts.

Teachers say parents already have easy access to what their children learn. They worry that the mandates would create an unnecessary burden and potentially threaten their professional independence — all while dragging them into a culture war.

The bill "insinuates there's some hiding happening," said Katie Peters, a high school English teacher in Toledo. "It makes me a little defensive, because I'm like — no, wait a minute, we're not hiding anything. The transparency is always there, and the parents who have cared to look have always had access."

The bills arose from last year's debate over the teaching of race, diversity and sexuality. The GOP insists the changes are needed to give parents a measure of control over what their children see and hear in class.

"I don't think anybody disagrees that more information is better for parents," said Brett Hillyer, a Republican state representative in Ohio who is co-sponsoring such a bill.

Educators don't take issue with keeping parents informed, but they see a risk that the so-called curriculum-transparency requirements will invite censorship, professional burnout and resignations.

Other states considering some version of the idea include Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina and West Virginia.

A panel of three Ohio teachers recently sat down with Associated Press to discuss the proposal. They said they already post syllabuses, textbook information, course materials and sometimes notes for parents and students — at least at the middle- and high-school levels.

None of them could recall ever denying a parent's request for additional information.

Juliet Tissot, a mother of two from the Cincinnati suburb of Madeira, said elementary classrooms are a different story. The nonprofit worker and volunteer said schools stopped sending home textbooks years ago and often fail to provide curriculum details when asked. That leaves parents groping for information when helping kids with homework.

"Children are with their parents a lot more than they're with their teachers, and it's bad that parents don't know what's going on — and they don't anymore," she said.

Tissot also supports policing teachers' behavior more closely, — including requiring them to wear body cameras.

The Ohio teachers said parents of older children occasionally pull a student from class — say, when evolution or the Big Bang is being taught in science — or request an alternate assignment when offended by a selected reading, and those interactions generally go smoothly.

"That's the thing that this law misses. It's painted as broad-swath, as if there are these improprieties going on," said Dan Greenberg, who teaches high school English in the Toledo suburb of Sylvania. "You're talking to people who are right there in the trenches, and we always have a really good partnership with parents."

The GOP acted after conservatives complained about public schools' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and the racial reckoning that followed the death of George Floyd, the Black man killed by a white Minneapolis police officer in 2020. Some states and local school boards have banned books about race relations, slavery and gender.

Emerson Sykes, a staff attorney at the ACLU Speech, Privacy and Technology Project, called the bills "thinly veiled attempts at chilling teachers and students from learning and talking about race and gender in schools."

Hillyer said he does not intend for parents to be able to censor school materials.

The proposed parents bill of rights calls for access to classroom materials and academic, medical and safety records, as well as certain entry privileges to school buildings and more. An effort last year to politicize normally sleepy school board races was considered by some as a dress rehearsal to drive 2022 turnout among Republicans.

Democratic governors in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin have vetoed curriculum-transparency bills. A Utah lawmaker pulled a bill last month after it faced a fierce backlash from teachers.

In places where the bills are moving forward, some sponsors of the legislation have had to backtrack following criticism.

During debate on a Republican-backed package of education reforms in Indiana, Republican state Sen. Scott Baldwin said maintaining neutrality on contentious issues required teachers to be "impartial" when discussing Nazism and other political ideologies.

After widespread criticism, Baldwin walked back the comments, saying in a statement that he "unequivocally" condemns Nazism, fascism and Marxism and agrees that teachers should do the same.

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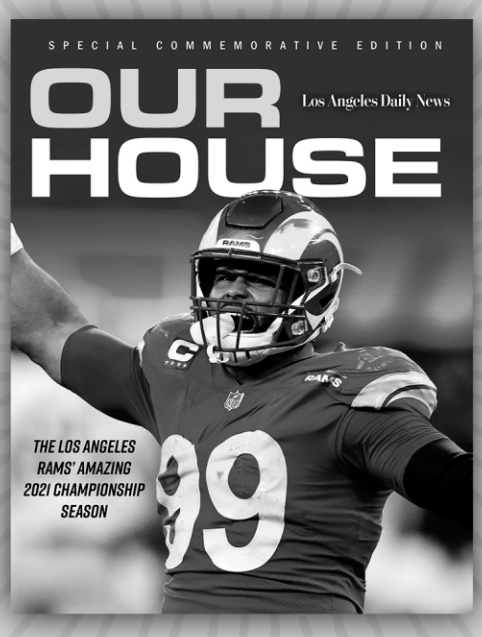
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Faith leaders oppose exemptions

One calls shot 'a gift of God for the good of the community'

By David Crary and Peter Smith
Associated Press

Pope Francis has defended COVID-19 vaccines despite some seeking religious exemptions to avoid them. **GREGORIO BORGIA/AP**

By the thousands, Americans have been seeking religious exemptions in order to circumvent COVID-19 vaccine mandates, but generally they are doing so without the encouragement of major denominations and prominent religious leaders.

From the Vatican, Pope Francis has defended the vaccines as "the most reasonable solution to the pandemic." The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America declared categorically that its followers would not be offered religious exemptions. Robert Jeffress, the conservative pastor of a Baptist megachurch in Dallas, voiced similar sentiments.

"Since there is no credible biblical argument against vaccines, we have refused to offer exemptions to the handful of people who have requested them," Jeffress said via email. "People may have strong medical or political objections to government-mandated vaccines, but just because those objections are strongly felt does not elevate them to a religious belief that should be accommodated."

Rabbi Sholom Lipskar of The Shul of Bal Harbour, an Orthodox synagogue in Surfside, Florida, says he tells congregation members that vaccination should be a matter of free choice.

"But I always recommend that they get a medical opinion from a competent professional," he added. "In a serious matter, they should get two concurring medical opinions."

Within the U.S. Catholic Church, there are divisions — even though Pope Francis has been clear in his support for vaccinations. While some bishops have forbidden their priests from assisting in seeking exemptions, other bishops and priests have provided template letters for people claiming conscientious objections from the vaccines on Catholic grounds.

"We have had many requests and have helped quite a number process their letter/request," the Rev. Bob Stec of St. Ambrose Catholic Parish in Brunswick, Ohio, said via email.

"Vaccination is not a universal obligation and a person must obey the judgment of his or her own informed and certain God-given conscience," says one of the letters provided by Stec. "If a Catholic comes to an informed and sure judgment in conscience that he or she should not receive a vaccine, then the Catholic Church acknowledges that the person has the right to refuse the vaccine."

It's different in New Jersey's Archdiocese of Newark, which has advised its priests not to support religious exemptions for their parishioners.

"I have been asked about six times and have declined," said the Rev. Alexander Santora, pastor of Our Lady of Grace & St. Joseph Parish in Hoboken.

Candice Buchbinder, a spokesperson for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, said the denomination is studying the question of religious exemptions. She noted that previous ELCA documents opposed broad religious exemptions and viewed medicine as "a gift of God for the good of the community."

Even before the pandemic, the Episcopal Church's Executive Council made clear its stance, adopting a resolution in June 2019 calling for stronger government vaccination mandates.

"The Executive Council recognizes no claim of theological or religious exemption from vaccination for our members," the resolution said.

However, someone from a denomination that encourages vaccines can still seek an exemption based on individual conscience, said Bruce Ledewitz, a law professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Ledewitz said he would advise a client wanting a religious exemption to say simply, "I have prayed about this, and I have come to the conclusion that God does not want me to take this vaccine."

Employers have adopted widely varying approaches to such arguments — some granting many exemptions while others, including the U.S. military services, have granted few.

While reasons for seeking religious exemptions vary, many Christians have cited the COVID-19 vaccines' remote connection to past abortions. Laboratory-grown cell lines descended from fetuses that were aborted decades ago were used to test the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and to grow viruses used to manufacture the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. None of those vaccines contain fetal cells.

The Vatican has stated that receiving these COVID-19 vaccines is morally acceptable. While it opposes abortion-related research, it said any vaccine recipient is not culpable for involvement in it, given how remote they are from the abortions involved.

While the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has echoed the Vatican teaching, several bishops have assisted people seeking religious exemptions. So has the National Catholic Bioethics Center, a think tank with prominent bishops on its board.

The center's template letter says individual Catholics may interpret church teachings to conclude that it's wrong for them to accept any medical product with a connection to abortion.

The Rev. Tad Pacholczyk, ethicist and director of education at the center, noted that the Vatican specifies that vaccines "must be voluntary."

The church "strongly encourages the safeguarding of conscience rights" he said in a statement, criticizing a "one size fits all" approach to employer mandates.

"Such decisions properly belong in the hands of the individual patient, who can assess his or her on-the-ground situation more meaningfully than any federal agency, politician or employer," he said. "Conscience exemptions to vaccine mandates need to be liberally available not only to Catholics but to all individuals."

The claiming of religious exemptions frustrates some who suspect there are non-religious motivations.

"There is no distinctively Catholic objection to receiving any of the COVID-19 vaccines available," said Michael Deem, assistant professor of bioethics and human genetics at the University of Pittsburgh.

He said the Vatican has provided detailed moral guidance on the vaccines' acceptability — considering such things as the lack of alternative vaccines and the benefits of corralling a deadly pandemic.

The relatively low vaccination rate among white evangelicals frustrates Curtis Chang, a theologian whose Redeeming Babel organization launched a Christians and the Vaccine project with evangelical and healthcare groups, promoting the COVID-19 vaccines on biblical principles.

Seeking religious exemptions for many "is a hijacking of religion to justify political or cultural stances, and that's very dangerous," Chang said. "There is no genuine religious reason for seeking an exemption, especially from employer mandates."

A new report says the U.S. coastline could see dramatic sea level rise by 2050 due to climate change. Above, water gushes from a storm drain in Charleston, S.C. **MIC SMITH/AP 2020**

Sea level may rise a foot along US shore by 2050, report says

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

America's coastline will see sea levels rise in the next 30 years by as much as they did in the entire 20th century, with major Eastern cities hit regularly with costly floods even on sunny days, a government report warns.

By 2050, seas lapping against the U.S. shore will be 10 to 12 inches higher, with parts of Louisiana and Texas projected to see waters 18 inches higher, according to a report issued Tuesday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and six other federal agencies.

"Make no mistake: Sea level rise is upon us," said Nicole LeBoeuf, director of NOAA's National Ocean Service.

The projected increase is especially alarming given that in the 20th century, seas along the Atlantic coast rose at the fastest clip in 2,000 years.

However, the worst of the long-term sea level rise from the melting of ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland probably won't kick in until after 2100, said ocean service oceanographer William Sweet, the report's lead author.

Warmer water expands, and the melting ice sheets and glaciers adds more water to the worlds oceans.

The report "is the equivalent of NOAA sending a red flag up" about accelerating the rise in sea levels, said University of Wisconsin-Madison geoscientist Andrea Dutton, a specialist in sea level rise who wasn't part of the federal report.

Sea level rises more in some places than others because of sinking land, currents and water from ice melt. The U.S. will get slightly more sea level rise than the global average. And the greatest rise in the U.S. will be on the Gulf and East Coasts, while the West Coast and Hawaii will be hit less than average, Sweet said.

For example, between now and 2060, expect almost 25 inches of sea level rise in Galveston, Texas, and just under 2 feet in St. Petersburg, Florida, while only 9 inches in Seattle and 14 inches in Los Angeles, the report said.

While higher seas cause much more damage when storms such as hurricanes hit the coast, they are becoming a problem even on sunny days.

Cities such as Miami Beach, Florida; Annapolis, Maryland; and Norfolk, Virginia, already get a few minor "nuisance" floods a year during high tides, but those will be replaced by several "moderate" floods a year by midcentury, ones that cause property damage, the researchers said.

The western Gulf of Mexico coast, should get hit the most with the highest sea level rise — 16 to 18 inches — by 2050, the report said. And that means more than 10 moderate property-damaging sunny-day floods and one "major" high tide flood event a year.

The eastern Gulf of Mexico should expect 14 to 16 inches of sea level rise by 2050 and three moderate sunny-day floods a year.

By midcentury, the Southeast coast should get a foot to 14 inches of sea level rise and four sunny-day moderate floods a year.

The Northeast coast should get 10 inches to a foot of sea level rise and six moderate sunny-day floods a year.

Ottawa's police chief resigns amid criticism over protests

By Rob Gillies and Ted Shaffrey
Associated Press

Officers in patrol cars monitor a convoy of trucks and protesters Monday in Ottawa. Peter Sloly, the police chief of Canada's capital, resigned Tuesday. **TED SHAFFREY/AP**

OTTAWA, Ontario — Ottawa's police chief resigned Tuesday amid criticism of his inaction against the trucker protests that have paralyzed Canada's capital for over two weeks, while demonstrators elsewhere across the country abandoned another one of their blockades at the U.S. border.

Trucks with horns blaring rolled out of the southern Alberta town of Coutts, across from Montana, ending the siege that had disrupted trade for more than two weeks. Police this week arrested 11 people at the obstructed crossing and seized guns and ammunition.

The two developments came a day after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau invoked extraordinary emergency powers to try to end the occupation in Ottawa and elsewhere around the country.

In Ottawa, the bumper-to-bumper demonstration by hundreds of truck drivers against the country's COVID-19 restrictions — and the failure of police Chief Peter Sloly to break the siege early on — have infuriated many residents. They have complained of being harassed and intimidated by protesters.

Sloly's resignation was confirmed by a government official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

A message seeking comment from Sloly through the Ottawa police force was not immediately returned.

Canadian Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino said it is time for police to begin using their broad authority conferred under Canada's Emergencies Act, which allows the government to ban the blockades and begin towing away trucks.

"We have given new powers to police, and we need them to do the job now," he said late Monday after Trudeau announced he was invoking the law.

Government leaders have not indicated when or where the crackdowns on the self-styled Freedom Convoy would begin. Mendicino said they were still working out the details on where the prohibited zones will be.

The government will be able to ban blockades at border crossings, airports and in Ottawa; freeze truckers' personal and corporate bank accounts and suspend their licenses; and target crowdfunding sites that are being used to support the blockades.

It also can force tow trucks to move the big rigs out of intersections and neighborhoods. Up to now, some towing companies have been reluctant to cooperate because of their support for the truckers or fears of violence.

The protesters around the country are decrying vaccine mandates for truckers and other COVID-19 precautions and venting their anger toward Trudeau's Liberal government.

Trudeau's decision to invoke the Emergencies Act came amid growing frustration with government inaction and concerns about the weapons found at the Alberta crossing. Also, a heavy-duty truck and farm tractor tried to ram a police cruiser at the site on Sunday, authorities said.

The nation's public safety minister said the nation can no longer tolerate the disruptions and threats.

"What the operation revealed is that you got a very small, hardened core driven by ideology," Mendicino said. "We have been fortunate thus far there has not been mass violence."

The busiest and most important border crossing, the Ambassador Bridge, was reopened on Sunday after police arrested dozens of demonstrators. The nearly week-long siege had disrupted auto production in both countries, but it was returning to normal on Tuesday. Authorities also said traffic was moving again at the Pacific Highway border crossing south of Vancouver.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said officers ordered demonstrators out late Monday, and several were arrested.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Alec Baldwin sued by family of crew member shot, killed on film set

From news services

LOS ANGELES — The family of a cinematographer shot and killed on the set of the film "Rust" sued Alec Baldwin and the movie's producers Tuesday alleging their "callous" disregard in the face of safety complaints led directly to her death.

Attorneys for the husband and 9-year-old son of Halyna Hutchins said that Baldwin refused training for the type of "cross-draw" he was performing when he fired the shot that killed her.

Baldwin's attorney responded that any claim the actor was reckless is "entirely false."

The suit filed in New Mexico's Santa Fe County in the name of Matthew and Andros Hutchins shows a text message exchange between a camera operator and a producer in which a complaint over gun safety was met with what the suit calls "callous sarcasm."

The operator, Lane Luper, texted unit production manager Katherine Walters saying: "We've now had 3 accidental discharges. This is super unsafe."

Walters responds: "Accidental discharge on the firearm? Awesome. Sounds good."

At least four other lawsuits have been filed over the shooting, but this is the first tied to one of the two people shot.

Baldwin, who was also a producer on the film, was pointing a gun at Hutchins inside a small church during the setup for the filming of a scene for the Western in New Mexico on Oct. 21 when it went off, killing Hutchins and wounding the director, Joel Souza.

Baldwin has said he was pointing the gun at Hutchins at her instruction and it went off without him pulling the trigger.

The suit says industry standards call for using a rubber or similar prop gun during the setup, and there was no call for a real gun.

It also says that both Baldwin and assistant director David Halls, who handed him the gun, should have checked the revolver for live bullets.

The suit also names as defendants Halls, Walters, the film's armorer Hannah Guttierez Reed, and ammunition supplier Seth Kenney.

US Capitol riot probe: The House committee investigating the U.S. Capitol insurrection subpoenaed six more individuals, including former Trump campaign members and state lawmakers, Tuesday over the efforts to falsely declare Donald Trump the winner of the 2020 election in several swing states.

The panel is seeking testimony and records from the individuals who they say had knowledge of or participated in efforts to send false "alternate electors" in seven of the states President Joe Biden won.

The individuals subpoenaed include Michael Roman and Gary Michael Brown, who served as directors for Trump's 2020 reelection campaign. The committee believes the two men reportedly promoted allegations of election fraud as well as encouraged state legislators to appoint false slates of electors.

The other four individuals are Pennsylvania State Rep. Douglas Mastriano, Laura Cox, former chair of the Michigan Republican Party, Arizona State Rep. Mark Finchem and Arizona Republican Party chair Kelli Ward.

Messages requesting comment from Ward, Mastriano and Roman were not immediately returned.

Cleanup routine: One month after a major oil spill, workers continue cleaning up a beach Tuesday in Ancon, Peru. On Jan. 15, the spill was reported amid surging waves caused by the eruption of an underwater volcano near the South Pacific island of Tonga. Later in January, Peru declared an environmental emergency and said 21 beaches were contaminated. MARTIN MEJIA/AP

Palin lawsuit: Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin lost her libel lawsuit against The New York Times on Tuesday when a jury rejected her claim that the newspaper maliciously damaged her reputation by erroneously linking her campaign rhetoric to a mass shooting.

A judge had already declared that if the jury sided with Palin, he would set aside its verdict on the grounds that she hadn't proved the paper acted maliciously, something required in libel suits involving public figures.

Asked about the verdict as she left the Manhattan courthouse, Palin said, "Of course we're disappointed," adding she hoped there would be an appeal.

Palin, a onetime Republican vice presidential nominee, sued the newspaper in 2017, claiming it had damaged her career as a political commentator and consultant with an editorial about gun control published after a man opened fire on a congressional baseball team practice in Washington.

HIV breakthrough: A woman of mixed race appears to be the third person ever to be cured of HIV, using a new transplant method involving umbilical cord blood that opens up the possibility of curing more people of diverse racial backgrounds than was previously possible, scientists announced.

Cord blood is more widely available than the adult stem cells used in the bone marrow transplants that cured the previous two patients, and it does not need to be matched as closely to the recipient. Most donors in registries are of Caucasian origin, so allowing for only a partial match has the potential to cure dozens of Americans who have both HIV and cancer each year, scientists said.

The woman, who also had leukemia, received cord blood to treat her cancer. It came from a partially matched donor, instead of the typical practice of finding a bone marrow donor of similar race and ethnicity to the patient's. She also received blood from a close relative to give her body temporary immune defenses while the transplant took.

Researchers presented some of the details of the new case Tuesday at a conference in Denver.

Ex-Honduran leader: Police arrested former Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández on Tuesday, following a request by the United States government for his extradition on drug trafficking and weapons charges.

The arrest came less than three weeks after Hernández left office and followed years of allegations by U.S. prosecutors of his alleged links to drug traffickers.

Hernández exited his home flanked by police, shackled at the wrists and ankles, and wearing a bulletproof jacket.

Honduran Security Minister Ramón Sabillón, who was fired by Hernández as head of the National Police in 2014, said Hernández had conspired "with cartels to traffic (drugs) and corrupt many public institutions."

Sabillón said the main charges Hernández faces in the U.S. are drug trafficking, using weapons for drug trafficking and conspiracy to use weapons in drug trafficking.

Fishing boat sinks: A Spanish fishing boat sank early Tuesday in rough seas off Newfoundland in eastern Canada, killing at least seven people, an official in Spain said.

Three crew members were saved from a lifeboat, and a maritime search was launched for the 14 other crew members still missing.

The 24-member crew of the sunken vessel included 16 Spaniards, five Peruvians and three workers from Ghana, Spain's maritime rescue service said.

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BUSINESS

Senate GOP delays votes on 5 Fed board nominees

Republican boycott focuses on Biden's selection of Raskin as top banking regulator

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican members of the Senate Banking Committee boycotted a vote Tuesday on President Joe Biden's five nominees to the Federal Reserve, delaying indefinitely the confirmation of Chair Jerome Powell to a second four-year term.

Democrats control the committee, but because no Republican attended the session, votes couldn't take place under Senate rules.

The boycott by the Republican committee members focused on Sarah Bloom Raskin, a former Fed governor and deputy Treasury secretary whom Biden picked to be the Fed's top banking regulator.

Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, the senior Republican on the committee, argued that Raskin had provided insufficient answers about her work as a board member for a fintech firm. Toomey and other some Republicans have asserted that Raskin inappropriately used her connections to the Fed to benefit the company.

Committee Republicans have also objected to Raskin's past statements on climate change, in which she urged the Fed to consider risks to the financial system from weather disasters and other impacts of rising temperatures in making policy. Toomey has charged that Raskin would use the Fed's tools to discourage banks from lending to oil and gas companies.

The delay in the committee's consideration of the nominees reflects an unusual degree of partisanship surrounding Raskin's nomination, a sign that the nation's political polarization is now engulfing the Fed, traditionally a nonpartisan institution.

In 2010, when she was first appointed to the Fed's Board of Governors, Raskin was confirmed unanimously by the Senate.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, the Ohio Democrat who chairs the committee, denounced his Republican colleagues for refusing to attend the committee meeting and vote.

"Ms. Bloom Raskin has been the subject of an unrelenting smear campaign and fear mongering by (Toomey) and Republicans — something that's become all too common," Brown said.

The committee was scheduled to vote Tuesday on Powell, Raskin and Lael Brainard, a Fed board member whom Biden nominated to the vice chair position. Votes on Lisa Cook, who would be the first Black woman to serve on the Fed's board, and Philip Jefferson, who would be just the fourth Black man, were also scheduled.

Raskin joined the Reserve Trust, a fintech firm, after serving as a Fed governor and as deputy secretary of the Treasury.

In 2016, the firm applied for a "master account" at the Fed, which would enable it to transfer money using the Fed's payment systems without going through a bank. The application was turned down in mid-2017.

But the company reapplied and won approval the next year from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Raskin had contacted the Kansas City Fed in 2017 after the company's application had been denied.

The Kansas City Fed, in a letter last week, said it had approved Reserve Trust's second application because the company changed its business model.

In October, Walgreens raised its starting wage to $15 an hour for technicians, a rate that will go up by $1 this year. The company has also awarded bonuses of $700 to $1,250 to pharmacists and new technicians. **JULIA RENDLEMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Pharmacies face pressure

Angry customers, more work and longer hours amid the pandemic are causing strain

By Madeleine Ngo
The New York Times

WASHINGTON —Nearly two years into the pandemic, pharmacists and technicians across the nation are under intense strain as their jobs shift from filling prescriptions and counseling patients to administering COVID-19 vaccines and tests, handing out masks and dealing with increasingly angry customers.

The situation has been exacerbated by a labor shortage that has squeezed most industries and that has resulted in droves of nurses and caretakers leaving their posts in a pandemic that has pushed them to the brink.

Large retail pharmacy chains have tried to respond, with some reducing store hours, increasing starting wages, offering more breaks and giving out retention bonuses. But customers have felt the impact, with some experiencing disruptions in vaccine appointments, longer lines to pick up prescriptions and frustration over securing masks and at-home virus tests.

The situation is worrying the pharmacy industry. Scott Knoer, executive vice president and CEO of the American Pharmacists Association, said inadequate staffing posed serious health risks by increasing the chances that workers make mistakes while filling prescriptions or inoculating patients. A recent survey from the association found that 74% of respondents said they didn't think they had enough time to safely perform patient care and clinical duties.

Knoer said pharmacies were struggling to deal with a lack of pharmacists and technicians, though shortages have been most dire for technicians, who serve as support staff and help dispense medication. Technicians receive a median hourly wage of $16.87 and have more options to pursue better-paying jobs in other industries. There were 166,337 pharmacy technician job postings through the fourth quarter of 2021, up about 21,100 from the year prior, according to a Pharmacy Workforce Center report.

Some of the biggest pharmacy chains have hired thousands to deal with the increased workloads, but company representatives say stores are still struggling.

Fraser Engerman, a spokesperson for Walgreens, said the company had responded to labor shortages by reducing some store hours, lifting wages and adjusting vaccine appointment availability. Engerman said most stores were still operating during their normal hours.

In October, Walgreens raised its starting wage to $15 an hour for technicians, a rate that will go up by $1 this year. The company has also awarded bonuses of $700 to $1,250 to pharmacists and new technicians.

Rite Aid recently temporarily closed most pharmacies an hour early on weekdays to allow its pharmacy staff to "catch up from the day and prep for the next," said Terri Hickey, a Rite Aid spokeswoman. Most of its pharmacies are limiting walk-in hours for immunizations to just one hour a day.

"Even when stretched, we are working hard to stay open and support the health of our customers," Hickey said in a statement.

While most CVS stores are operating normal hours, some have temporarily closed on one or both days of the weekend, said Michael DeAngelis, a CVS spokesperson. To attract and retain workers, he said, the company is giving employees more scheduled breaks and will raise its minimum wage to $15 an hour this summer.

Paying to jump to the front of IRS phone lines

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If there's one thing that pains everyone trying to reach the IRS at tax time, it's being stuck on endless hold.

Well, not everyone.

E. Martin Davidoff's accounting firm spends upward of $5,000 a year to a company that can zip him and others to the front of the line to get through to an IRS customer service representative. He says paying for enQ's line-jumping service cuts out hours every day that he would otherwise spend waiting to talk to an agent.

"It's the epitome of American entrepreneurship," says Davidoff, who heads the National Tax Controversy Practice for Prager Metis in New Jersey.

Consumer advocates are less enamored with enQ, seeing it as a pay-to-play arrangement that gives those who can afford it a way to get quick access to what should be a free government service equally available to all.

Members of Congress from both parties have concerns too. The service is expected to come up on Thursday when the Senate Finance Committee holds a hearing on customer service problems at the IRS, where call volumes have reached record levels.

Last November, Sens. Bill Cassidy, R-La., Todd Young, R-Ind., Bob Menendez, D-N.J., and Mark Warner, D-Va., wrote to the IRS to urge the agency to investigate how the company's robocalls to the IRS affect agency phone systems.

The company's bots regularly get in the queue for various IRS service lines, and then clients who dial in to enQ can swap in to spots at the front of the waiting list.

Tax professionals who need regular access to IRS services during the busy filing season say that while enQ may be controversial, it's necessary for them to do complicated tax work. The service, which can cost $300 a month or $1,000 a year, claims to cut phone hold times by up to 90%.

And the problem is immense. At the height of the 2021 filing season, the IRS was receiving more than 1,500 calls per second.

Andrew Valiente, founder and CEO of enQ, declined to comment in detail.

US casinos hit jackpot, win record $53B in '21

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — America's commercial casinos won $53 billion in 2021, their best year ever according to figures released Tuesday.

The American Gaming Association, the gambling industry's national trade group, released year-end figures showing that in-person gambling continues to be the main source of revenue for the gambling industry, even as internet and sports betting continue to grow in the country.

The $53 billion won by casinos is more than 21% higher than the previous best year, which came in 2019, before the coronavirus pandemic hit.

They also show that many gamblers have not been deterred from visiting a casino in person, even during the pandemic, when highly contagious variants of the virus were surging.

The casinos have spent millions on health and safety protocols to try to limit the spread of the virus.

"These results are nothing short of remarkable," Bill Miller, president and CEO of the association, said in a webinar to discuss the results.

The numbers do not include tribal casinos, which report their revenue separately. But Miller said that "tribal leaders have similarly shared with me that 2021 was their best year on record."

Of the 33 states plus Washington, D.C., that have commercial gambling, 23 set records for revenue last year.

Almost $45 billion was won from in-person gamblers at casinos last year, up 6.6% from 2019.

Sports betting continued its rapid growth, with more than $57 billion wagered legally on games last year, an increase of 165% from 2020.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Pentagon slams mergers in report

The Defense Department on Tuesday released a report that says mergers and consolidation among contractors pose risks to the U.S. economy and national security.

The report lays out steps to block mergers that run contrary to Defense Department interests and reduce barriers to entry for new contractors. It also seeks to ensure that a company's intellectual property protections are not anti-competitive.

The report suggests that mergers have left national security beholden to private companies. There are only five aerospace and defense prime contractors, down from 51 in the 1990s. The consolidation can hurt taxpayers because contractors no longer feel competitive pressure to innovate to secure government business.

Jan. wholesale inflation surges

WASHINGTON — Wholesale inflation in the country surged again last month, rising 9.7% from a year earlier in a sign that price pressures remain high at all levels of the economy.

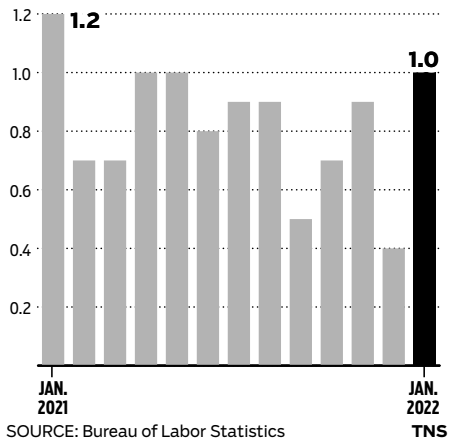
The Labor Department said Tuesday that its producer price index — which measures inflation before it reaches consumers — jumped 1% from December. The year-over-year increase was down from the record 9.8% recorded in both November and December.

Excluding volatile food and energy prices, wholesale inflation rose 0.8% from December and 8.3% from January 2021.

Last week, the government reported that inflation at the consumer level soared 7.5% over the past year at its highest rate in four decades.

Producer price index

Index of prices U.S. producers receive for goods and services, percent change from previous month



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics TNS

BUSINESS

Drought caused the old village of Aceredo to emerge from the Lindoso reservoir in northwest Spain. Both Spain and Portugal are experiencing a dry winter. **EMILIO MORENATTI/AP**

Dry winter drains reservoirs, ruins crops in Spain, Portugal

By Emilio Morenatti
Associated Press

ACEREDO, Spain — Roofs peeking out of the water have become a common sight every summer at the Lindoso reservoir in northwestern Spain. In especially dry years, parts of the old village of Aceredo, submerged three decades ago when a hydropower dam flooded the valley, would appear.

But never before has the skeleton of the village emerged in its entirety in the middle of the usually wet winter season.

With almost no rain for two months and not much expected any time soon, the ruins of Aceredo are dredging up a mix of emotions for locals.

"The whole place used to be all vineyards, orange trees. It was all green. It was beautiful," said 72-year-old Jose Luis Penin.

While the arid zones of the Iberian Peninsula have historically experienced periods of drought, experts say climate change has exacerbated the problem. This year, amid record levels of low or no rainfall at all, farmers in Portugal and Spain, who are growing produce for all of Europe, are worried that their crops for this season will be ruined.

In the last three months of 2021, Spain recorded just 35% of the average rainfall it had seen during the same period from 1981 to 2010. But there has been almost no rain since then.

According to the national weather agency AEMET, in this century, only in 2005 has there been a January with almost no rain. If clouds don't unleash in the next two weeks, emergency subsidies for farmers will be needed, authorities said.

While only 10% of Spain has officially been declared under a "prolonged drought," there are large areas, particularly in the south, which are facing extreme shortages that could impact the irrigation of crops.

The valley around the Guadalquivir River in Spain's southwest was declared under prolonged drought in November. It is now the focus of a dispute over water rights near Donana National Park, a World Heritage wetland site. The government of the Andalusia region wants to grant water rights to farmers on land near the park, but critics say the move will further endanger a major wildlife refuge.

"The past two, three years have been dry, with the tendency toward less and less rain," said Andres Gongora, a tomato farmer in southern Almeria.

Gongora, 46, who expects the water he uses from a desalinating plant to be rationed, is still better off than other farmers who specialize in wheat and grains for livestock feed.

"The cereal crops for this year have been lost," Gongora said.

Other areas in central and northeast Spain are also feeling the burn.

The leading association of farmers and livestock breeders in Spain, COAG, warns that half of Spain's farms are threatened by drought this year. It says if it does not rain heavily in the coming month, rainfed crops including cereals, olives, nuts and vineyards could lose 60% to 80% of their production.

ANALYSIS

Patience is short with Biden's long-term plan for inflation

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

President Biden's initiatives to tackle inflation come with the rate at a 40-year high. Consumers are seeing higher prices when they shop for gas and groceries. **ALEX BRANDON/AP**

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden came into office with a plan to fix inflation — just not the particular inflationary problem that the country now faces.

His belief is that a cluster of companies control too many industries, which reduces competition for both customers and workers. That leads to higher prices and lower wages in what the White House says is an average cost of $5,000 annually for U.S. families. Biden is now trying to remedy the situation with 72 distinct initiatives — everything from new rules for cellphone repairs to regulations on meatpacking to more merger reviews.

"The dynamics of the modern American economy — the increased consolidation and lack of competition — has distorted market incentives in important ways," said Brian Deese, director of the White House National Economic Council. "The president gave us the direction that he wanted us to come back and say what could we do to address this issue of consolidation across industries in a way that would be durable."

But even administration officials acknowledge that the initiatives outlined by the president's 7-month-old competition council aren't designed to quickly stop the 7.5% inflation that's frustrating Americans and damaging Biden's popularity. Furthermore, business groups dispute the fundamental premise that competition has faded within the U.S. economy, and they are prepared to challenge the administration's new initiatives in court.

"It will strangle economic growth," said Neil Bradley, executive vice president and chief policy officer of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Part of Biden's dilemma is that reorienting a bureaucracy to promote competition takes time, and voters want to see inflation — running at a 40-year peak— start dropping now. Voters feel the bite of inflation with every trip they make to the grocery store or the gas station.

America's current inflation woes stem from the pandemic. Supply chains for computer chips, clothes, furniture and other goods are under stress. At the same time, consumer demand has surged after a historical amount of government aid flowed into the economy. Despite efforts to get the kinks out of the supply chain, price increases have stayed high in recent months instead of fading as many initial forecasts suggested. That has the Federal Reserve ready to increase interest rates to lower inflation.

In a January survey by the University of Chicago, two-thirds of leading economists said that the concentrated power of companies does not explain the current rash of inflation.

New York University economist Thomas Philippon has welcomed the administration's approach — while allowing it would do little to bring down prices. As the author of the 2019 book, "The Great Reversal: How America Gave Up on Free Markets," Philippon is the source of the administration's statement that market concentration places a $5,000 drag on an average family.

What Philippon observed was that other nations had embraced a level of antitrust enforcement and competition that no longer exists in America, resulting in lower costs for cellphone service, internet and airline tickets in Europe relative to the U.S.

"As a way to fight current inflation, it is unlikely to have a big impact in the short term, but it can still be useful," Philippon said. "I think of it more as a positive side effect of something that should be done in any case."

MARKET RUNDOWN

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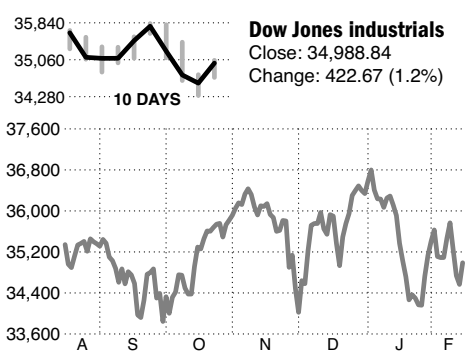

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Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	34,988.84	+422.67	-3.71%
DOW Trans.	15,213.14	+93.06	-7.68%
DOW Util.	911.01	-6.28	-7.11%
NYSE Comp.	16,745.83	+214.52	-2.44%
Nasdaq Comp.	14,139.76	+348.84	-9.62%
S&P 500	4,471.07	+69.40	-6.19%
S&P 400	2,695.08	+58.59	-5.17%
Wilshire 5000	45,297.91	+807.82	-6.53%
Russell 2000	2,076.46	+55.67	-7.52%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	92.07	95.46	+22.42%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	4.31	4.20	+15.44%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.67	2.78	+19.78%
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PREV.**	**YTD**
Gold (oz)	1,854.80	1,868.00	+1.49%
Silver (oz)	23.34	23.85	+.04%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. $	U.S. $ in ForEx
Britain	1.3536	.7387
Canada	.7854	1.2733
China	.1577	6.3392
Euro	1.1360	.8803
Japan	.008648	115.63
Mexico	.049049	20.3878

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	3.25	3.25
3-mo. T-Bill	0.42	0.41
6-mo. T-Bill	0.73	0.75
5-yr T-Note	1.94	1.96
10-yr T-Note	2.04	2.03
30-yr T-Bond	2.36	2.31

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	15,412.71	+298.74	+1.98%	-2.97%
London	7,608.92	+77.33	+1.03%	+3.04%
Hong Kong	24,355.71	-200.86	-.82%	+4.09%
Nikkei	26,865.19	-214.40	-.79%	-6.69%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	19.48	+1.73	-28.4
AT&T Inc (T)	24.34	+.29	-1.1
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	121.47	+7.20	-15.6
Affirm Holdings Inc (AFRM)	44.80	+1.10	-55.4
AgriFORCE Gr Sys Ltd (AGRI)	1.75	+.18	-15.9
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	18.84	+1.41	+4.9
Amphenol Corp (APH)	76.80	+1.49	-12.2
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	7.26	+.07	-7.2
Apple Inc (AAPL)	172.79	+3.91	-2.7
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	43.88	-.24	-12.0
Bakkt Holdings Inc (BKKT)	8.40	+1.60	-1.3
Bank of America (BAC)	47.79	+.37	+7.4
Barnes Group (B)	47.01	+.83	+.9
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2635.16	+89.50	+9.8
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	67.77	+.96	+8.7
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	102.97	-.03	-.2
Carnival Corp (CCL)	22.78	+1.42	+13.2
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	45.75	+.96	-15.7
Charter Communic (CHTR)	609.45	+1.51	-6.5
Cigna Corp (CI)	228.41	+3.17	-.5
Cinedigm Corp (CIDM)	1.12	+.33	-3.4
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	48.05	+.65	-4.5
ContextLogic Inc (WISH)	2.65	+.41	-14.8
Disney (DIS)	154.72	+3.87	-.1
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	117.88	+2.55	-7.5
Ethan Allen (ETD)	25.30	+.25	-3.8
Eversource Energy (ES)	82.17	-.04	-9.7
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	77.99	-.99	+27.5
Ford Motor (F)	18.08	+.62	-13.0
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	5.49	+.87	+5.6
Gen Dynamics (GD)	212.77	+1.60	+2.1
Gen Electric (GE)	100.92	+4.32	+6.8
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	71.01	+1.35	+2.9
Honeywell Intl (HON)	189.53	+2.84	-9.1
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	15.95	+.18	+.2
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	22.89	+.70	-9.6
Intel Corp (INTC)	48.44	+.86	-5.9
Kaival Brands Innov (KAVL)	3.04	+.37	+308.1
Kaman (KAMN)	42.54	+1.04	-1.4
Keycorp (KEY)	26.53	+.62	+14.7
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	72.77	+1.83	+6.6
Lumen Technologies (LUMN)	10.04	+.13	-20.0
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	45.08	+.43	+.4
Marathon Oil (MRO)	20.54	-.60	+25.1
Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	221.00	+3.30	-34.3
MetLife Inc (MET)	71.57	+1.44	+14.5
Micron Tech (MU)	96.00	+6.14	+3.1
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	300.47	+5.47	-10.7
MoneyGram Intl (MGI)	10.70	+1.75	+35.6
Novartis AG (NVS)	86.42	+.73	-1.2
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	264.95	+22.28	-9.9
Occid Petl (OXY)	39.85	-1.38	+37.5
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	78.79	-.96	-9.5
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	14.17	+.91	-22.2
Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	21.16	+.44	+18.7
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White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1055.54	+6.20	+4.1
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	58.29	+2.25	+18.1
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OPINION

Matthew Yglesias asks when will the federal government end mask wearing by passengers on planes and trains. Above, an Amtrak train in Galesburg, Illinois. **SHAFKAT ANOWAR/AP 2021**

Time for CDC to be put in its place

By Matthew Yglesias
Bloomberg Opinion

As Democratic governors race to relax mask mandates and other COVID-19 restrictions for a post-omicron world, it's natural to wonder: When will the federal government see the light and let airline passengers and Amtrak riders take their masks off?

Technically, this is a question for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which issued the federal mask mandates. As a scientific agency, the CDC is supposed to base its decisions on scientific facts rather than political realities. But in the real world, it's bizarre to imagine a scenario in which President Joe Biden's administration remains to the left of the governors of New York, Massachusetts and California on a high-salience issue on which there is partisan political conflict.

I live in Washington and often take the train to visit my father in New York. So it's possible that in the near future I will be able to ride the Metro maskless to Amtrak's Union Station, then have to put a mask on when I board the train to New York, then take it off to ride the subway uptown to his house. It's all a bit ridiculous. Federalism is fine, and it's unrealistic to ask for total uniformity in policy. But the federal government shouldn't be an extreme outlier on a topic on which states have reached consensus.

And yet: It would be unseemly for the White House to lean on the CDC to change its scientific recommendation on the basis of a pure political concern. This is especially true for an administration that made a big deal out of its promises to "follow the science."

The problem is that science does not offer answers to policy questions, and never has — a truth that's taken for granted in other contexts.

On alcohol consumption, for example, the CDC recommends one drink a day or fewer for women and two or fewer for men. No state, not even Utah, has entrenched these recommendations in policy. They don't not only because such a policy would be unpopular, but also because enforcement would be extremely difficult. You'd end up either with a very weakly enforced rule that makes the state government look ridiculous, or a draconian enforcement regime. In both cases, the policy would become increasingly unpopular. And last, even though the public health benefits of restricting alcohol consumption are very real, they would primarily accrue to the drinkers themselves, which weakens the case for mandates — especially in a country with a deeply entrenched tradition of individualism.

And so we arrive at the status quo — drinking alcohol, including in large quantities, is legal in all 50 states.

And since there is a wide political consensus that alcohol should be legal, you're allowed to drink three beers while riding on Amtrak even though the CDC says you shouldn't.

But — and this is critical — the policy solution isn't to lean on the CDC to lie and say that booze is healthy. The solution is simply to ignore the CDC.

This is going to be important on the mask question, because scientifically speaking it's never going to stop being the case that it's better for public health for everyone to wear masks. COVID-19 is unlikely to vanish in the future.

But even if it did, it's not the only respiratory virus. And even though the influenza and common cold viruses are less deadly than COVID-19, they are not harmless. It is a true scientific and medical fact that if people wear high-quality masks every time they go indoors, transmission of viruses will decrease. The CDC also recommends against eating runny egg yolks and says that all grilled steaks or burgers should be at least medium-well or well-done.

Asking the CDC to align its meat recommendation with the political reality that nobody is going to ban medium-rare steak would be absurd. The recommendation is, to the best of my understanding, grounded in genuine science. But for most people, eating flavorful meat is worth risking an increased exposure to bacteria.

Applying the same logic to masks, it's unreasonable to expect the CDC to recommend that they can ever come off. So the Biden administration should let the caution-minded public health experts at the CDC continue to dispense their cautious advice on masks — and then the president should ignore their advice and lift mandates to bring federal policy into line with what even blue states are doing.

Straightforwardly ignoring expert public health advice will ultimately be better for science and neutral expertise than Biden's current course of deferring to them. Science does not render politics obsolete. And in practice, the White House's deferential posture means leaning on the CDC to make politically convenient decisions, rather than having elected officials make choices and take responsibility for them.

If the president is worried about breaking campaign promises, he should rest easy. There are a lot of unrealistic promises he made — to bring people together, for example, unite the country and restore the soul of America. Given the structural increases in partisan polarization, these pledges were always going to be difficult.

At the same time, he can cite some real successes. There haven't been any government shutdowns or real scares about the debt limit. He secured a bipartisan infrastructure bill. A huge postal reform bill passed the House with big bipartisan majorities last week. A bipartisan science-funding-and-China-competition bill still seems to be in the works.

The point is, when it comes to breaking promises, the stakes may be lower than the White House thinks. And as president of the United States, Biden is well within his rights to tell his science advisers that he hears what they are saying, but his judgment is that efforts to impose mask mandates are simply causing too much social division.

At his best, Biden is a politician's politician who knows when not to listen to the grim ideologues of the world. And a president famous for his love of ice cream understands that there's a difference between the science of personal health and the reality of daily life. Just as expecting the CDC to say ice cream is healthy would be unrealistic, pressuring it to say so would be inappropriate.

At the end of the day the presidency is a political office, held by politicians in order to make political choices. Joe Biden needs to level with the American people, as they say, and tell them what they need to hear: It's OK to have some ice cream.

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President Biden's $7B betrayal of Afghanistan

By Ruth Pollard
Bloomberg Opinion

Out of all the actions the Biden administration could have taken on Afghanistan, commandeering the nation's foreign currency reserves is, to put it mildly, unhelpful.

In an executive order signed last Friday, President Joe Biden began the process of releasing the $7 billion in Afghan Central Bank funds held in the Federal Reserve. It froze those assets last August when the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan as American and NATO forces withdrew. His plan proposes directing $3.5 billion into a trust fund for humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan while putting the other $3.5 billion aside for families of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the U.S.

The problem is, the U.S. doesn't own that money; Afghanistan does. That Washington doesn't want to release billions to the Taliban is understandable. No one wants rivers of cash to go a regime that's simply picked up where it left off two decades ago, restricting girls' access to schools and universities, preventing women from working, abducting protesters and journalists from their homes and killing opponents.

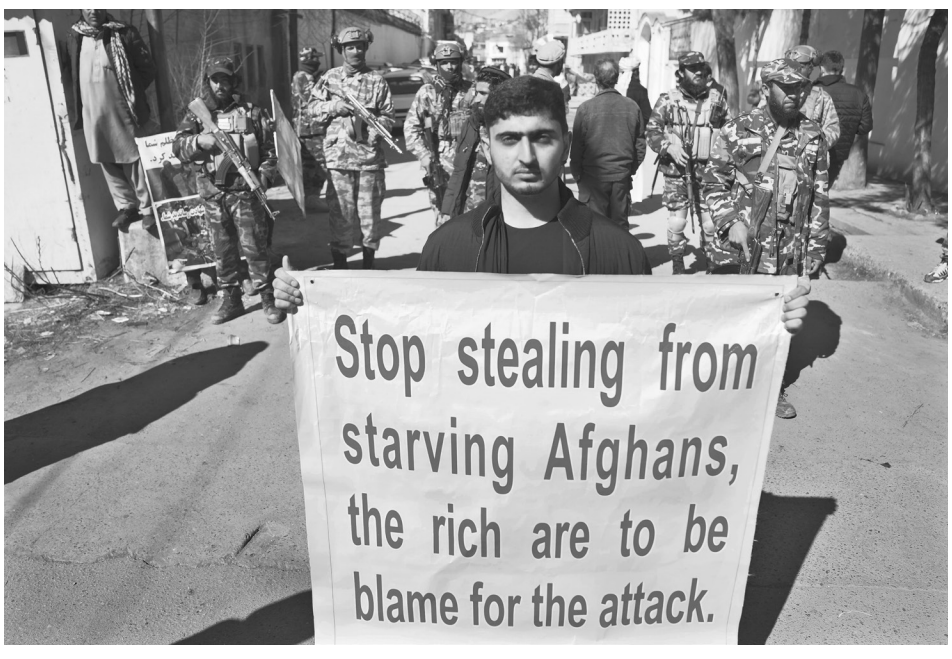
But while the United Nations and other humanitarian groups work to convince the U.S. and the World Bank to ease what amounts to an economic blockade on Afghanistan, Biden's actions are blatantly counterproductive.

With more than half of the country's nearly 40 million people facing acute hunger and a million children at risk of dying amid a harsh winter, U.N. chief António Guterres in January called on the World Bank to immediately release $1.2 billion in reconstruction funds to ease the humanitarian crisis and inject liquidity to prevent an economic collapse. It had already transferred $280 million to the U.N. Children's Fund and the World Food Programme a month earlier.

But as many experts have pointed out, you cannot feed an entire country with aid.

"Aid cannot make up for an economy deprived of oxygen," International Rescue Committee President and former U.K. Foreign Secretary David Miliband said in a statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia and Counterterrorism on Feb. 9. "The humanitarian community did not choose the government, but that is no excuse to punish the people, and there is a middle course — to help the Afghan people without embracing the new government," Miliband wrote.

Let's remember, this entire crisis was triggered by the poorly planned U.S. withdrawal after two decades of war and what appears to be a complete lack of foresight about how to deal with the aftermath. In the uproar that followed last week's announcement, many in Afghanistan and its diaspora pointed out the obvious: This appears to be a backward attempt to punish Afghanistan for its role in the 2001 attacks on the U.S. If so, the aim was off-target. Of the origins of the 9/11 hijackers, 15 came from Saudi Arabia, two from the United Arab Emirates and one each from Lebanon and Egypt. Not one was Afghan. The Taliban, who ruled most of the country, had provided refuge to Osama bin Laden; but, given the median age of Afghans today is 18, those attacks took place before many were even born.



Standing in front of Taliban fighters, a protester delivers a pointed message to President Joe Biden and the United States on Tuesday in Kabul, Afghanistan. **HUSSEIN MALLA/AP**

As Obaidullah Baheer, a lecturer in transitional justice at the American University of Afghanistan, told the BBC, there is deep anger and frustration at the U.S. decision. The money underpins the Afghan currency and is not meant for aid, he noted. "Afghanistan needs a sustainable economy if it is to survive in the long run, and the federal reserves are fundamental to it."

Meanwhile, the spokesman for the Taliban's political office in Qatar, Mohammed Naeem, tweeted last Friday that the seizure of Da Afghanistan Bank's reserves was "theft" and a sign of "moral decay."

The U.S. and its allies have rightly demanded that the Taliban form a more inclusive government, guarantee the rights of women and ethnic minorities, allow girls to go to school and university and break ties with terrorist groups before any money is released.

But there are workarounds to make sure an entire nation doesn't slip into famine. As Human Rights Watch suggested last Friday, the World Bank could require that all banking transactions are overseen by independent auditors to address concerns that providing the Afghan Central Bank with assets could enrich the Taliban.

If Biden's plan is implemented, Human Rights Watch's Asia Advocacy Adviser John Sifton wrote, it "would create a problematic precedent for commandeering sovereign wealth and do little to address underlying factors driving Afghanistan's massive humanitarian crisis." The entire $7 billion "already legally belonged to the Afghan people."

Biden's administration needs to urgently rethink its decision and show some political will to help Afghanistan out of a crisis it helped create.

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Virtual Public Hearing

The West Hartford Bloomfield Health District will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 01, 2022 at 4pm via Zoom to receive comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Health District budget. Copies may be obtained from the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District office or on the Health District's website, www.westhartfordct.gov/health. The public hearing will be conducted exclusively as a virtual public hearing in accordance with Governor Lamont's executive orders regarding the conduct of public meetings and proceedings.
Any interested person(s) may participate in the public hearing by calling at the scheduled date and time and using the following access code:
March 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 842 4998 4990 Call: +1 301 715 8592 Access Code: 323515
Participants using caller ID blocking will not be permitted to participate. Participants will be muted upon entry into the public hearing and only unmuted once prompted by the Chair/Moderator.
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Connecticut

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on January 24, 2022 in Volume 1552, Page 165 of the Southington land records, notice is hereby given that on February 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold a public auction to the highest bidder:
The premises are commonly known as 43 Flanders Road, Southington, CT 06489.
The sale will be held at the Property.
The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid $231,000.00.
There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro-rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.
When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling $23,100.00 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of $23,100.00 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all
other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.
The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of $500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied
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If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.
There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.
The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the
Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.
The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is $318,036.54 as of February 25, 2022, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF CROMWELL, CONNECTICUT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS (RFQ/RFP) FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE CROMWELL ZONING REGULATIONS

The Town of Cromwell invites sealed proposals from qualified planning firms to prepare a Comprehensive Review and Update of the Cromwell Zoning Regulations until 2:00 PM on Friday March 25, 2022.

The documents comprising the Request for Proposals can be found on the Town's website, www.cromwellct.com, (under BIDS/RFPs/RFQs). They can also be obtained in person at the Cromwell Town Hall, Planning Department Office, 41 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416, during the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

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Complete bid documents can be viewed and ordered through Advanced Reprographics, LLC, 50 Corporate Avenue, Plainville, CT, 06062. For viewing: Visit www.advancedrepro.net, select "Planroom"; select "Public Jobs". Documents will be available Thursday, February 17, 2022.
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OBITUARIES

Michalak, Theodosia (Theo/Toz) Grzegorzek

Theodosia (Theo/Toz) Grzegorzek Michalak, 87, of Wethersfield, beloved wife of 56 years to Stanley A. Michalak passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022 in Hartford. She was born in Nanticoke PA on November 26, 1934, the sixth child of the late Peter and Mary Grzegorzek. She grew up in New Britain and was a graduate of New Britain High School class of 1953. Theo worked for the State of Connecticut, Department of Records and Veteran's Hospital. She loved to travel, taking many cruises. She explored all the mysteries and history of the world with her husband and her most memorable trip included a visit to the Vatican. She was an avid golfer who spent time in her retirement improving her game at Goodwin Park Golf Course in Hartford. She was also a member of the women's golf league. Her patience and confidence on the golf course represented how she lived her life. She also enjoyed the women's winter bowling league for many years, getting strikes and spares on a regular basis helping to lead her team to victory. Theo occasionally enjoyed a dinner out and a show at the casino's along with a few nice wins along the way.
She was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, daughter, aunt and great aunt to all who knew her. She is survived by her beloved husband Stanley whom she always called Stah, the loving light of her life her son Anthony of Hartford, a brother Henry Gregozek of Sunnyvale CA, and many nephews and nieces of the Grzegorzek, Michalak and Helmecki families. She will be missed terribly and will remain in our hearts forever. After a long and happy life, she is now resting peacefully with the Lord.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, February 19, 2022, 10:00 am at Church of the Incarnation 544 Prospect St. Wethersfield, CT 06109. Burial will follow in Village Cemetery, Wethersfield.
In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a memorial donation in her honor are asked to contribute to The American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, or the charity of your choice.
To share a memory with the family, please visit www.dillonbaxter.com

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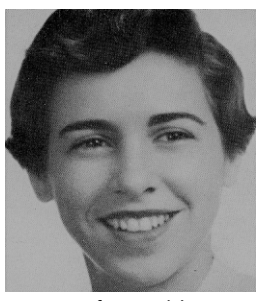
Scavilla, Norma L.



Norma L. Scavilla, Ph.D., 90, of Southington, formerly of Pittsford, NY, passed away on February 14, 2022. She was born in New Britain, CT and was predeceased by her parents, Domenick Scavilla and Rose (Cebrelli) Scavilla, as well as her longtime friends Sr. Mary Lourdes PhD and Sr. Josepha Kennedy PhD., and her brother-in-law Francis Gates of Southington. After graduation from New Britain High School, she attended the College of New Rochelle and ultimately received her PhD from the University of New York at Buffalo. She went on to teach at Nazareth College and then at SUNY Geneseo, where she spent the majority of her career as a tenured Sociology professor. She enjoyed many interests and leisure activities. As a young college student, she traveled to Cuba in the 1950's to visit the family of a college roommate. As a graduate student, she participated in anthropological and archeological research projects in the western United States. After retirement, she traveled and spent time with family and friends. She had a particular fondness for the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester, NY. Since the onset of memory loss, we have missed her commanding, joyous and loving presence at family gatherings. She leaves her sister Mary Gates of Southington, a nephew John Gates of Wethersfield, CT, a nephew Thomas Gates Sr., grandniece Amy Gates and grandnephews, Elias Gates and Thomas Gates Jr., all of Southington. We would like to thank the staff at Mulberry Gardens and LiveWell for the care, dignity and respect that they provided her, during her final years.
Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Norma's family on Friday, February 18th, from 8:30am to 9:30am at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Her mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:00am at St. Joseph Church, New Britain. She will be entombed in the Mausoleum in St. Mary Cemetery next to her parents. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Norma's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. To share a condolence with her family, please visit www.duksa.net.

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Fiske, Diane M.

Diane Marie Fiske of Berlin passed away at the age of 84 on February 14, 2022 after a hard fought battle with cancer at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. Born in New Britain on October 30, 1937, Diane was the daughter of late Frances Rosatti Squillacote and Vincent Squillacote.
Diane was a member of St. Paul Church in Kensington. Diane worked at the Department of Motor Vehicles, Dealers and Repairers Division where she retired in 2003. She was a member of AFSCME Union, Chapter 4 Retirees, the Berlin Senior Center and the Spanish American Cultural Club. Her family meant the world to her and she enjoyed many family gatherings. She loved to go to the casino, play bingo, setback and bocce.
She was married to her loving husband George Fiske for 61 years before he passed. Diane is survived by her loving family, her daughter Laura Karoll and her husband Jeff, and daughter Debbie Simons and her husband Jim all of Berlin; her grandchildren, Kristen Karoll Holmes and her husband Matthew, Korey Karoll and his wife Ashley, and her great grandchild Eli Holmes. She also leaves a brother James Squillacote and his wife Barbara, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two sisters Mary Kazersky and Paula Jacques and one brother Leo Squillacote.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul Church in Kensington. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Rocky Hill. Visitation will be on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home/ Porter's, 111 Chamberlain Hwy., Berlin. Please share a memory of Diane in the on line guestbook at www.ericksonhansenberlin.com

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McKenzie, Susan Gardner

Susan Gardner McKenzie, age 84, of Marco Island, Florida passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 8, 2022. Susan was born to Charles Holmes Gardner and Lynda Odell Gardner on August 9, 1937, in Saint Louis, Missouri.
After attending high school at the MacDuffie School for Girls in Springfield, Massachusetts, she went on to study education at Bradford Junior College in Haverhill, Massachusetts. While at Bradford, Susan made lifelong friendships with roommates Yvonne and Judy, the three remained close friends throughout her life.
She had a successful career in banking at Connecticut Bank and Trust where she reached the level of Asst. Vice President of Delivery Systems. Susan enjoyed many hobbies along with her husband Dana "Mike" Miller including boating on the Connecticut Shore, Golfing at Suffield Country Club and traveling. She was passionate about jazz music and regularly attended jazz festivals.
Upon retirement, Susan and Mike moved from Suffield, Connecticut to Marco Island, Florida. During her retirement, she dedicated her time to many local charities including Stars on the Water, For the Love Of Cats, and Our Daily Bread. She enjoyed long walks on Marco Island beach searching for seashells with her grandchildren. During her time living on Marco Island she made many close friends and always looked forward to dinner and dominoes with her "cheap chicken" friends.
Susan is survived by her loving husband, Dana "Mike" Miller, Son Garrett Jackson McKenzie wife Margaret Sander McKenzie: grandchildren; Theresa McKenzie Moses husband Scott Moses; great grandchildren, Thomas Moses and Alice Moses, Christopher McKenzie and Ann Marie McKenzie; Daughter Lynda McKenzie Gardocki, husband Peter Gardocki; grandchildren Sara Beth (Gardocki) Arancio husband Joseph Arancio and Katie Lynn Gardocki.
In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made in her name to:
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Naples, Florida 34102
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Scholsky, Walter D.

Walter David Scholsky, 90, of Manchester, CT, beloved husband of Marjorie (Reynolds) Scholsky, died peacefully at home on February 14, 2022, after a long illness. He was born in Stafford, CT and was the son of the late Sigismund and Mary (Wysocki) Scholsky.
Walter lived in Connecticut his whole life, the majority of it in Manchester. He attended Manchester High School and Cheney Technical School before becoming a metal fabricator at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. His entire life he was a talented toolmaker and craftsman who loved metal and woodworking. If he couldn't find the right tool for the job, then he would make one. He also loved making grandfather clocks.
His real desire was to teach, so he attended Central Connecticut State University (Teacher's College) where he majored in education and then Trinity College, where he received his Master's Degree in English, with American Poet Robert Frost as his Master's Thesis.
Walter went on to teach 9th grade English at Bennett Jr. High in Manchester, until his retirement in 1991. He is a US veteran, having served in the US Army. He loved the outdoors, spending many summers fly fishing and gardening and teaching fly tying classes to aspiring fishermen. His greatest love was his family.
He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Marjorie; his son Michael and his wife Diana; his daughter Aileen; grandchildren Daniel and his wife Sarah; Max Westman and Sara Westman; great-granddaughter Arianna and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his son Kevin; brother, The Reverend Martin Scholsky; sister Rita Jaworski and Sr. Anthony Mary (Catherine) Scholsky.
Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, on Thursday, February 17, 2022, from 4-7 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, February 18, at 11:00 a.m. The family would like to thank the Visiting Nurse Association for the special care they gave Walter. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Walter's memory may be made to Operation Smile or the Alzheimer's Association. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Ferrari, Lawrence "Larry" J.

Lawrence "Larry" J. Ferrari, 83, of Niantic, CT, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, New London, CT. Born September 28, 1938 in Hartford, CT to the late Joseph and Charlotte (Labutis) Ferrari. Attended Windsor Locks H.S. and had resided in Niantic for the past 10 years and in Warehouse Point before that where he raised his family. He was employed for many years with the State of CT, as an electrician at Bradley Intl. Airport. Larry had enlisted and served from 1958 -1964 with the Army National Guard. A member of AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) he was also an Alcohol and Drug Counselor. He had a passion for photography.
Larry is survived by three sons; Stephen Ferrari of Broad Brook, David Ferrari & wife Carol of Amston, CT and Adam Ferrari, seven grandchildren Nina, Shane, Taylor, Chris, Nathan, Kathy Freddy and their families, his brother Richard Ferrari & wife Linda of E. Granby, along with other family. A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 11:00 am in St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery, Enfield with military honors. Browne Memorial Chapels, Enfield has been entrusted with arrangements. To leave an online condolence message visit: www.brownememorialchapels.com.

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Balkus, Eileen and Carl

On February 3, 2022, Eileen Joyce Balkus, 54, and Carl Edward Balkus, III, 52, went to the loving arms of the Lord after a courageous battle with cancer.
Eileen and Eddie were the daughter and son of Carl E. Balkus, Jr., of California and Diedra G. Gosline, of Ashford, CT.
Eddie worked his whole life as a brick and block mason and a self-employed stone mason. He loved and cherished his children. Eileen was a special child whose smile would warm your soul.
Aside from their parents, Eddie is survived by his two daughters, Samantha Diedra and Jordan Riley and their mother, Nicole Cote Balkus of Brooklyn, CT. Eileen and Eddie are also survived by sisters, Pamela of Pomfret, CT and Missy of Columbia, CT. Brothers, Brian of Ashford, CT and Michael of Ellington, CT; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and too many friends to mention.
Eddie and Eileen's family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St. Willimantic with a service following at 4:00pm. They will be laid to rest at St. Joseph Cemetery, Windham, CT at a later date.
In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be sent to the GoFundMe account for Samantha and Jordan on Facebook. For an online memorial guestbook please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com

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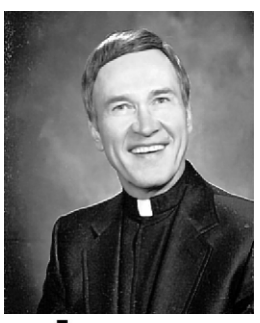
Jaksina, Reverend Edward S.



The Reverend Edward Stanley Jaksina age 92, Former Pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd Seymour entered into eternal rest on Friday, February 11, 2022 at his residence in New Britain. Father Jaksina was born in New Britain CT on September 15, 1929 the beloved son of the late Alexander J. and Anna Catherine Stygar Jaksina.
He is survived by his special dear friends Frank and Sheri Parda of Shelton, his loving caretaker Janusz Kalita of New Britain, and several loving cousins. He was predeceased by his two brothers Alexander S. Jaksina and Robert Jaksina, his sister-in-law Jeanne Jaksina and his cousin Dorothy Wojtusik
A Mass of Christian Burial will be concelebrated on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Nicholas Parish- Church of the Good Shepherd, 135 Mountain Rd. Seymour with the Most Reverend Leonard Blair, Archbishop of Hartford as principal celebrant. Father Jaksina will Lie In State at the Church from 9:00 A.M. - 10:45 A.M. on Wednesday, February 16 , 2022. A Reception will be held following the Mass in The Martin T. Keane Church Hall. Interment will take place immediately following the Mass in Sacred Heart Cemetery New Britain. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts in Father Edward S. Jaksina's memory may be made to the Church of the Good Shepherd Improvement Fund. The Miller-Ward Funeral Home 260 Bank St. Seymour ,CT., has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements. To leave on line condolences or to light a virtual candle, please visit www.millerwardfuneralhome.com

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Armstrong, Aubrey

Aubrey Armstrong, 40, of North Adams, MA, entered into Eternal Peace on February 2, 2022. She was born on January 22, 1982, in Billings, Montana, the loving daughter to Thomas Armstrong and the late Barbara (Maholik) Armstrong. She grew up in Enfield, CT, attending local schools. Aubrey was a self-employed artist who took pride in her work. She was a very talented knitter, and an avid gardener, often bringing her knitted items and plants to the local farmers markets to sell and donate. She was very involved in her community, volunteering with the local food pantry and soup kitchen in North Adams. Aubrey took pride in her career of helping others through her work as a community outreach worker with NBCC. She was a lover of music, and animals and enjoyed the time she spent with her three sons, whom she adored, and her family. Aubrey is survived by her sons, Daemian, Gabriel, and Elijah; her father, Thomas Armstrong; sisters, Deidre Steward, Brianna Licciardi and her husband, Jonathan, and Bevon Armstrong and her fiance, Kieran Talbot; nieces and nephews, Kylee Steward, and Eloise, Wyatt and Theodore Licciardi; her grandmothers, Peg Armstrong and Clare Maholik; and many aunts and uncles. In addition to her mother, Barbara Armstrong, she was predeceased by her grandfathers, Robert Armstrong and Joseph Maholik. Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for a Memorial Service on Sunday, February 20th from 12pm to 2pm at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd., Enfield, CT 06082. An additional Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to be decided in North Adams, MA. In lieu of flowers, Aubrey's family suggests that a random act of kindness be done in her memory. To leave online condolences please visit www.leetestevens.com

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DeRoehn, Connie

Connie DeRoehn, a long-time resident of Avon, died peacefully at home on Saturday the 12th of February. She is predeceased by her husband of 50 years, H. Edward DeRoehn, Jr. and her parents Gaetano Santo Allessandro (Sam) and Pasqualina(Lena) (nee Bianco) Cantarella. She is survived by her four children, Carolyn DesRochers (Christian-deceased), Suzanne Hutcherson (Michael son-in-law), Kathie Daly (Kevin) and Mike DeRoehn(Sabina). Grandchildren, Philip, Michael, Jennifer(David Seidell), Christopher, Elizabeth, Jim, Dan(Amanda), Tim (Brittany) and Mike, great grandchildren, Kylie, Ryan, Luman, Carter, Isabella, Vandya and Mason. She is also survived by her two sisters, Nancy Pellett (Bob-deceased) and Delia Fargo (George), and many other relatives and dear friends. Her favorite color was red, so if you are attending one of the services please wear a dash of red in honor of her memory. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to St. Ann's church, 289 Arch Road, Avon, CT 06001, Gifts of Love (GIFTSOFLOVECT.ORG) in Avon, or CT-KASA (CT Kids As Self Advocates) (PATHCT.ORG). We respectfully request everyone attending any of the services to please wear a mask to protect the health of those in attendance who are health compromised, as well as yourself. We also respectfully ask those attending not to wear any perfume or aftershave due to severe allergic reactions of some of the family members. The family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 10 to 11:45 a.m. at Carmon Community Funeral Home, 301 Country Club Road, Avon, CT. A mass at St. Ann's Church, 289 Arch Rd., Avon, CT will immediately follow at 12 p.m. Burial will follow at approximately 2 p.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Ave., Hartford, CT 06114. Directions will be provided at the funeral home. Online expressions of sympathy can be left at www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Gerardi, Beverly

Beverly Wray (Thompson) Gerardi, 91, of Windsor and previously of Wethersfield, widow of Joseph P. Gerardi, passed away on Monday, (February 14, 2022) at Kimberly Hall North. She was born in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, daughter of the late Robert and Julia (Sonen) Thompson. Beverly retired from the IRS. She was an active member of the Kimberly Hall community, enjoying all of the recreational activities as well as being involved in the daily happenings around the facility. Beverly leaves behind several nieces and nephews along with their families. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Douglas and Francis Thompson and a sister, Robinette "Bobbie" Johnson . Funeral services and burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers donations in Beverly's name may be made to Kimberly Hall North, resident recreation fund, 1 Emerson Dr., Windsor, CT. 06095
Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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DiTaranto, Nunzio

Nunzio DiTaranto, 91, husband of the late Monique (Cormier) DiTaranto of Crossville, TN, formerly of West Hartford, CT, died Friday, February 11, 2022. Born in Italy, he lived many years in the Hartford area. He retired from Pratt & Whitney Small Tool.
Nunzio leaves his two sons Rocco and Frank DiTaranto; a sister Ana Vincenzo; three grandchildren Rosana DiTaranto and her husband Dylan Skrip, Nick and Kevin DiTaranto; his nieces and nephews, Mario and Marie Vincenzo, Frank, Mike, Marie, Lucy, Nannette and Donna. He also leaves his dear companion Jean Barber. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, February 18, 2022, 11 am at the mausoleum in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Hankerson, Jessica Bator

Jessica Bator Hankerson, 38, passed away on February 9, 2022. She leaves her husband Aaron Hankerson and her daughter Essence Hankerson; her parents J. Michael and Carolyn Clermont Bator of Manchester; her three sisters Melissa Bator of Manchester, Denise Bator of Colchester, and Kathleen Prawl and her husband Barry of Fernandina Beach, Florida, as well as her sister-in-law Judith Bator of Rhode Island, and numerous aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Shawn and Randy Bator. The family will receive guests from 4-7 pm on Friday, February 18, 2022, at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St., Manchester. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to their favorite charity.
For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Pagano, Belisario R.

Belisario Roberto Pagano passed away February 11, 2022 at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine, FL. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Irene, daughter Susan (Mark) Skowronek, sisters, Rosina (Luigi) Rubino and Diana (Lorenzo) Colcorti, grandchildren, Mara and Alexander Skowronek and Cody Pagano and his beloved Shih Tzu, Myah. A Memorial Mass will be held Friday 11AM at Corpus Christi, burial will follow at Craig Memorial Park.

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Fettig, Katherine "Kit"

Katherine "Kit" Fettig 96, of Bedford, VA, formerly of Manchester, CT and Spring Hill, FL, passed peacefully on February 13, 2022. She was born in Winsted, CT on December 19, 1925 a daughter of Victor and Katherine Myers. She was preceded in death by husband Stanley William Fettig. Kit is survived by son Stan Fettig Jr and wife Karen, daughters Margo Burke and husband John, Karen Bentley and husband Ben, and son Victor Fettig and wife Kathy, 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She had been a soldier of the Salvation Army and most recently was attending the Longwood Baptist Church of Bedford. Kit worked many years in the printing industry. When she was 50, she turned a lifelong desire to entertain into reality by making herself up as "Jerko the Clown" to do children's birthday parties. Before she retired from her regular job she would use her vacation time to join up with a traveling circus tent show as it went through New England. She enjoyed this so much that, after she retired, she signed on for the entire season performing all up and down the East coast. She was a long time member of Circus Fans Association of America, Tent 24 in Hartford where she was their first female member and served a term as their first female president. In addition to her clowning she also performed as Mrs. Santa at Farmington Valley Mall for 7 Christmas seasons.

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Fyler, Patricia Caruso

Patricia Caruso Fyler, 82, of Naples Florida, formerly of Rocky Hill and Old Saybrook CT, peacefully passed away on February 1, 2022, surrounded by loved ones, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Patty was born on April 6, 1939, to Joseph and Mary Caruso in Hartford, CT. After graduating from Wethersfield high school, Patty was married to her high school sweetheart, David W. Fyler, and they were blessed with two children David and Kathy. Patty graduated from Middlesex Community College and enjoyed working at Sage-Allen through the years. She was a devout Catholic and was a eucharistic minister at St. James Church in Rocky Hill CT. Patty enjoyed golf, the NY Yankees, the casino, baking pies & strawberry shortcake, knitting & sewing, shopping, and spending time with her family. Patricia was predeceased by her parents Joseph and Mary, and her siblings Grace, Katherine, Theresa, Joe, Jim, John, and Peter. She is survived by her husband David, son David, David's partner Wendy, daughter Kathy, Kathy's partner Sue, and granddaughter Courtney. Memorial Services will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Naples FL on February 23 at 10:00am. Please consider a donation to Alzheimer's Support Network of Naples FL and AVOW Hospice Services of Naples FL.

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Israel, Jonathan Laurence

Jonathan Laurence Israel, age 62, passed away on February 4, 2022, after valiantly battling cancer for two years. He is survived by his wife, Karen, to whom he was married for forty years, his two daughters, Rebecca and Jenna, and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Lola Israel.

Jonathan lived in West Hartford and served his community with distinction as a gastroenterologist for twenty-five years. In 1996, he was a founding partner of CGMA which later became Connecticut GI, the largest Gastroenterologist practice in Connecticut. As a physician, he specialized in liver disease, worked closely with Hartford Hospital's liver transplant center, was fondly remembered for traveling throughout much of Connecticut to treat his patients, and co-edited the book Diseases of the Liver and Bile Ducts. In 1991 he was honored with the receipt of the John C. Leanord Fellowship.

Rather than attend Harvard University where he was accepted, Jonathan chose to accept a six-year medical program that combined his university studies at Rensellear Polytechnic Institute with Medical School at Albany Medical College. Jonathan grew up in Queens, NY. In High School, he received all-County recognition for his athletic prowess in Lacrosse, starred on his High School basketball team, and was the starting point guard for RPI during his two years there.

Those that knew Jonathan held him in high esteem. He had a clear view of right and wrong and lived his life consistent with those convictions. Always incredibly reliable to his friends and devoted to his family, Jonathan surmounted without complaint obstacles that would leave most in despair. If ever any person has embodied the phrase "salt of the earth", it was Jonathan.

The family held a private grave site funeral on February 7. A memorial service in West Hartford will be scheduled in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider giving donations to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia at https://give2.chop.edu or the Colon Cancer Coalition at https://donate.coloncancercoalition.org/memorials/JonathanIsrael.

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Reynolds, Beatrice

Beatrice Amanda Reynolds, 70, of Phoenix, AZ, departed this life on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Beatrice was born in Speculation, St. Elizabeth, JA to the late Daniel Reynolds and Roslyn Little on March 11, 1951.
A celebration of Beatrice's life will take place on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 10:00am. Interment will be held in Jamacia at a later date. To leave a message of comfort for the Reynolds family and view the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Schnetzler, Edward

Edward Schnetzler, 100, of Rocky Hill, formerly of Wethersfield, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2022. He was born in New York on October 17, 1921 to the late Julius and Christine (Miner) Schnetzler. He served in the United States Army during World War II and proudly served at the Battle of the Bulge. After his time in the service he worked as a deliveryman for the G. Fox Company for many years.
Edward leaves behind his brother-in-law, Ken Stuer, his nephews, Nicholas Giamatti and John Testa and his nieces, Janine Giamatti and Lucy Kinane.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 10:00AM in the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St., Wethersfield. A burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park 508 Elm St., Rocky Hill. For further information or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com

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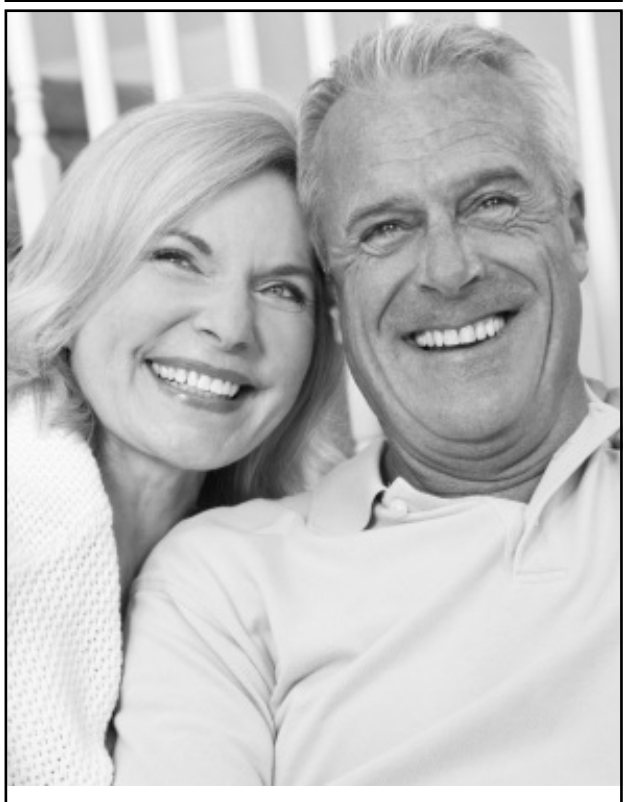

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Six residents sue Hartford HealthCare

System's anticompetitive business practices drive prices up, group alleges

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

A group of Connecticut residents has sued Hartford HealthCare, accusing the state's largest hospital network of driving up prices with anticompetitive practices.

Six residents alleged in their lawsuit filed Monday in Hartford Superior Court that Hartford HealthCare for the past several years has sought to restrain trade, establish a monopoly in acute inpatient hospital services and abuse its market power to charge higher prices from insurers, employers and patients.

They claim they have been forced to pay higher insurance premiums and deductibles caused by the price increases Hartford HealthCare's "acts have caused."

The lawsuit accuses Hartford HealthCare of violating the Connecticut Antitrust Act and Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Hartford HealthCare said in an emailed statement that the lawsuit is without merit.

"The allegations misrepresent the many ways Hartford HealthCare is working to transform health care, building a system of care that is more accessible, has lower-cost options, is a champion for equity and both attracts and delivers excellence," it said.

Its 27 urgent care centers offer a less expensive care than hospital emergency rooms and it has built Connecticut's "most comprehensive networks of behavioral health, homecare and community-based services," Hartford HealthCare said.

The health care system also said it has moved most services such as colonoscopies to nonhospital outpatient settings, substantially lowering costs.

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A group of Connecticut residents on Tuesday sued Hartford HealthCare, owner and operator of Hartford Hospital, accusing the hospital network of anticompetitive practices. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

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Laying down fresh snow

Volunteer and retired Eversource employee Mike Fortier walks past one of five snow-making guns creating a 1 ½ acre snowshoeing and cross-country skiing course in preparation for the return of the Special Olympics Connecticut Winter Games at the energy company's Windsor facility. An estimated 75 athletes are expected to compete in the Games next week. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

Medical Examining Board fines doc who operated on wrong knee

Surgeon required to pay $5,000; assistant has license suspended

By Lisa Backus
Conn. Health I-Team

The state Medical Examining Board issued a $5,000 fine and a reprimand to an orthopedic surgeon who operated on the wrong knee of a patient in 2018 and also temporarily suspended the medical license of a Colchester physician assistant who is accused of falsifying documents and excessively using alcohol and marijuana, documents said.

Dr. Christopher Betz, who works at Starling Physicians, failed to follow the pre-incision protocol and failed to independently verify which knee was the site of the operation prior a procedure that took place at Bristol Hospital on Sept. 14, 2018, according to state Department of Public Health documents.

The error wasn't reported to the DPH's Licensing and Investigations Unit, which investigates complaints against physicians for the board until July 19, 2019 after Bristol Hospital was the subject of an unannounced inspection by federal health authorities, documents said.

According to a corrective plan based on the federal inspection, Betz also failed to document that he had operated on the wrong knee and failed to note that after he did discover the error, he gave the patient a cortisone shot in the knee that was originally slated for surgery.

Betz has since taken a course in preventing medical errors and near misses in surgery, DPH officials said. Under the discipline approved by the board Tuesday, Betz was fined $5,000 and his license to practice medicine was reprimanded.

In other action, the board temporarily suspended the medical license of Derek Donovan, a physician assistant, after a DPH investigation revealed he had used alcohol and marijuana excessively in the past few years, documents said.

Donovan is also accused of falsifying medical records and intentionally making false written statements provided to DPH staff from June to December 2021, documents said. Donovan also has had an emotional disorder or mental illness since April 2021, DPH officials said.

If the board had not granted the summary suspension, Donovan would have been allowed to continue to practice until a formal consent order with discipline was granted. A panel of three board members will hold a hearing on the allegations on Feb. 25.

Following the hearing, the DPH will work with Donovan to determine a resolution that will likely include discipline, officials said.

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State police recruits accused of cheating

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Connecticut state police are investigating allegations of cheating among current trooper trainees at the academy.

"The facts and circumstances as presented by the academy staff are being reviewed," state police commander Col. Stavros Mellekas said in a prepared statement Tuesday.

"We take the integrity of our recruits very seriously," Mellekas said. "Matters such as this require a careful review before reacting impulsively. Consultation with the Attorney General's Office and human resources is also part of the review."

Among the class of 61 trainees set to graduate in late March, seven or eight are under investigation for allegedly cheating on a test. Details of the allegations were not available. If they are proved true, however, the agency has an obligation to dismiss those trainees, state police union executive director Andy Matthews said.

"If you're going to cheat on a test, what else would you cheat on?" Matthews said. "You can't really do the job of a state trooper."

Matthews said he agreed with Mellekas, however, that caution is vital when dealing with such serious, potentially career-ending allegations.

Requirements for state police trainees include "excellent moral character." Trooper trainees are paid wages equivalent to $50,000 annually, and upon graduation, the salary jumps to $61,257, according to the agency's website.

Sworn state police personnel, not including the 61 trainees, now total 895, down from a peak of 1,283 in 2009, Matthews said.

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Senate Dems to prioritize youth

Expanding child care, mental health services at heart of '22 agenda

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

Faced with overwhelming evidence of the social and emotional toll of the pandemic on young people, top Senate Democrats are placing youth mental health and expanded services for children at the center of their legislative agenda for the 2022 session, which formally opened last Wednesday.

Under the "Healthy Students, Healthy Schools" banner, lawmakers on Tuesday indicated an intent to convert the robust health of the state's purse strings into what they describe as much-needed and overdue investments in key areas, including the expansion of affordable child care, funding for social workers in schools and support for mentoring and after-school programs.

"We owe it to the next generation of Connecticut to make sure that we respond to [the pandemic] by providing [and expanding] essential services," said Senate Pro Tem Martin Looney of New Haven.

The proposals are outlined in the early versions of Senate Bills 1 and 2, which "speaks to how seriously Senator Looney takes these issues, and our entire Democratic caucus takes these issues, and how much we want to dig in," Senate Majority Leader Bon Duff of Norwalk said at a press conference outside the state Capitol.

"What we know is that the cracks have always been in our communities, but the pandemic has exposed those cracks and deepened them more than ever," Duff said. "And we have an opportunity, with our fiscal situation, with the current position in the legislature, to actually work with advocates, to work with others in our communities and find solutions to the things that have plagued our communities for such a long time."

Much like Gov. Ned Lamont in his State of the State Address last week, lawmakers applauded the efforts of preschool and child-care workers to stay open through the pandemic.

But many centers face steep financial challenges: Industry wages are stagnant, staff are leaving for better paying jobs elsewhere and care remains unaffordable for many working parents.

The average U.S. child-care worker made less than $12 per hour even before the pandemic, lawmakers said. The difference in hourly pay between child-care teacher salaries and minimum wage has shrunk from $7 to just $3 since 2015, Merrill Gay, executive director of the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance, told The Courant last month.

"We have to increase the pay, to get a pay scale for people who work in that industry with our young people," said Sen. Doug McCrory of Hartford, co-chair of the legislature's Education Committee.

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Pandemic hits Bristol Hospital's bottom line with nearly $14M loss

Parent company indicates it is open to partnerships

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

After posting a $14 million loss for the past year, Bristol Hospital's parent company indicated this week that it will be considering potential partnerships or mergers with larger health care organizations more strongly than ever.

President Kurt Barwis emphasized at its annual meeting Tuesday that the hospital has plenty of cash to keep operating, but acknowledged that the loss — following $3.4 million in red ink the year before — is troubling.

Outpatient visits for the year were up more than 13%, and physician office visits rose from about 153,000 to 157,000.

But nearly all other metrics were down for the year: The hospital had fewer admissions, fewer emergency room visits and hosted fewer surgeries than in 2020.

Barwis said much of the disappointing financial performance was caused by COVID-19 keeping patients from doing regular, scheduled appointments and wellness checkups.

Bristol Hospital opened a satellite facility in Southington in 2020 as part of a plan to better serve all sections of Greater Bristol. **DON STACOM/HARTFORD COURANT**

While patient demand was down, competition for hospital workers was up sharply. That forced Bristol and other hospitals and medical facilities across Connecticut to pay substantial wage premiums.

"The resurgence of the pandemic affected labor costs," board Treasurer Louis Auletta Jr. told the meeting.

Barwis said nearly $6 million of the loss will be made up this year with the receipt of federal aid that was intended to cover costs in 2021.

"Simply stated we are able to operate despite the losses because we are still receiving grants that offset those losses, and we still have more than $10 million in Medicare Advance funds/loans from Medicare," he said.

With 1,700 employees, Bristol Hospital is one of fewer than 10 independent hospitals in the state. Most are wings of the major groups: Hartford HealthCare, Yale, Trinity or Nuvance.

This month, Yale said it is looking to acquire Waterbury, Rockville and Manchester hospitals.

Barwis emphasized that the board of directors' partnership committee makes all decisions about alliances, mergers or similar moves, and said it has been reviewing options regularly for the past 15 years.

If the hospital's finances were stronger, the Yale move wouldn't necessarily influence Bristol Hospital's future, he said.

"(But) sustaining in a time of strong headwinds and uncertainty means that the Partnership Committee must access all of the opportunities that avail themselves," he said.

"As an accountant it is particularly difficult for me — and I'm sure for you, to look at our financial results of operations and not be concerned by the last two years," he said.

Bristol was one of several Connecticut hospitals poised to be acquired by Texas-based Tenet Healthcare a decade ago. But after two years of regulatory review, the for-profit hospital company abandoned the deal in 2014.

Bristol then announced a partial alliance with Yale, and has since partnered with other organizations for its wound center and its new geriatric behavioral health unit.

Bristol Health, the parent of Bristol Hospital, employs about 1,700 workers at the hospital, the Ingraham Manor nursing home, its EMS unit and its Multi-Specialty Group physicians network.

Woman sentenced to prison, fined $50K for faking tests on sub parts

Some of the steel involved was used by Electric Boat

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A metallurgist in Washington state was sentenced to 2 ½ years in prison and a $50,000 fine Monday after she spent decades faking the results of strength tests on steel that was being used to make U.S. Navy submarines.

Elaine Marie Thomas, 67, of Auburn, Washington, was the director of metallurgy at a foundry in Tacoma that supplied steel castings used by Navy contractors Electric Boat and Newport News Shipbuilding to make submarine hulls.

From 1985 through 2017, Thomas falsified the results of strength and toughness tests for about half the steel the foundry produced for the Navy. The tests were intended to show that the steel would not fail in a collision or in certain "wartime scenarios," the Justice Department said.

Thomas pleaded guilty to fraud last November. U.S. District Judge Benjamin Settle sentenced her in Tacoma, calling her actions a "crime of pride and ego, that in some way she knew better than those who set the standards," according to a news release from Seattle U.S. Attorney Nick Brown.

The sentence was less than half the nearly six years sought by prosecutors.

"Our Sailors and Marines depend upon high quality products and services from our contractors to safely and effectively meet the worldwide mission of the Department of the Navy," Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro said. "We will continue to insist that our contractors must meet these high standards."

There was no allegation that any submarine hulls failed. But authorities said the Navy has spent nearly $14 million, including 50,000 hours of engineering work, to assess the parts and risk to the 30 submarines affected. The Navy says it will incur further costs as it continues monitoring the subs.

Thomas' conduct came to light in 2017, when a metallurgist being groomed to replace her noticed suspicious test results and alerted their company, Kansas City-based Bradken Inc., which acquired the foundry in 2008.

Bradken fired Thomas and initially disclosed its findings to the Navy, but the company then wrongfully suggested that the discrepancies were not the result of fraud. That hindered the Navy's investigation into the scope of the problem as well as its efforts to remediate the risks to its sailors, prosecutors said.

In June 2020, the company agreed to pay $10.9 million in a deferred-prosecution agreement.

When confronted with the doctored results, Thomas told investigators, "Yeah, that looks bad," the Justice Department said. She suggested that in some cases she changed the tests to passing grades because she thought it was "stupid" that the Navy required the tests to be conducted at negative-100 degrees Fahrenheit (negative-73.3 degrees Celsius).

In a letter to the court, Thomas said she was mortified at what she had done. Her attorney, John Carpenter, noted in a sentencing memorandum that she did not gain financially by faking the test results. He asked for a sentence of probation.

"Ms. Thomas is good person who let a number of work pressures cause her to make bad decisions," he wrote. "Ms. Thomas never intended to place any sailor at risk and is gratified that the Navy's testing compels the conclusion that she has not."

Youth

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Connecticut has already distributed $120 million in American Rescue Plan funding to child-care providers, but leaders say more is needed. Support for child care was a major component of Build Back Better, Congress' massive social spending bill, before negotiations collapsed in December.

Sen. Saud Anwar of East Hartford, who co-chairs the legislature's Committee on Children, said the survival of existing child-care centers will hinge on more government funding.

"What [the pandemic] has shown us is that one of the biggest victims of the pandemic have been our children. And there are opportunities to address this now," Anwar said.

Anwar floated the possibility of emergency-support grants, or an expansion of the Office of Early Childhood's School Readiness Preschool Program to plug the gap.

"In the absence of the federal funds, this is a disaster that we have to try and prevent, and to protect the workforce," Anwar said.

"We've seen a huge staffing shortage on some of our state-provided services," said Sen. Matt Lessor of Middletown. "I represent a district that includes Connecticut Valley Hospital as well as the [Albert J.] Solnit Center for children, which are vital mental-health resources, and they've seen major staffing shortages too. Making sure that we're filling those positions is really important."

While immediate relief for the child-care industry is the priority, Anwar said, that investment now could position the state to eventually implement free, universal pre-K for 3-year-olds.

Florida, Vermont and the District of Columbia have implemented similar policies for 4-year-olds. Early childhood education is consistently linked with better learning outcomes later in life.

McCrory said the Education Committee is considering universal pre-K this year for CAPSS Alliance Districts — 33 districts that serve the bulk of Connecticut's students of color, low-income students and English-learner students.

"You see kids coming in without pre-K supports, way behind kindergarten," McCrory said. "They're so far behind that the opportunity gap begins right there at 5 years old ... I think [pre-K in Alliance districts] is a great opportunity to try to level the playing field."

Other investments

Lawmakers highlighted several other areas of need in the pair of wide-ranging Senate bills.

Senate Bill 1, "An Act Concerning Childhood Mental and Physical Health Services in Schools," includes a proposal to train and supply all school nurses and teachers with Naloxone, a opioid overdose-reversing drug, in response to the fatal overdose of a 13-year-old Hartford student.

Looney said lawmakers are looking at easing the cost burden of special-education services by reducing the amount of per pupil spending a town must make before state aid kicks in.

Lawmakers also want youth sports coaches to receive mental-health training in order to better assist young people who may be in need of resources or intervention. State Rep. Liz Linehan, D-Cheshire,, co-chair of the children's committee, has previously floated funding for a statewide program to train teachers and coaches on how to help young people who are using opioids to access treatment.

The bill includes a proposal to push back school start times for high schools to give students a better chance of getting enough sleep.

In addition to child-care expansion, Anwar mentioned that Senate Bill 2 could include support for investment mobile crisis-intervention services.

The measure has support by many Republican lawmakers. House Republicans recently introduced their own bill, House Bill 5004, calling for state General Fund dollars to be appropriated to support additional mobile units.

Senate Democrats are yet to attach a price tag to the bills, which have been referred to their respective committees.

In a statement, Senate Republican Leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford and deputy Senate Republican leader Paul Formica of East Lyme indicated support for measures to reduce financial barriers to care amid a rise in mental-health issues.

"Connecticut Senate Republicans are advocating for strong action to remove barriers to vital mental health care especially for children, combat fentanyl, make health care more affordable, and create a safer Connecticut with opportunity for workforce training, jobs and vital support services," Sens. Kelly and Formica wrote. "We look forward to working hand in hand with any and all lawmakers who recognize that Connecticut must pursue a better way."

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Lawsuit

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The lawsuit claims that in addition to its ownership of Hartford Hospital, Hartford HealthCare has a network of outpatient facilities and several "must have" hospitals in Connecticut that commercial health plans include in their networks for their insurance products to be commercially viable.

Hartford HealthCare of leveraging its "monopoly power over those facilities to force insurers, employers and patients to pay unreasonably high prices for care," the lawsuit claims.

The lawsuit also accuses Hartford HealthCare of using anticompetitive contracting and negotiating tactics to limit commercial health plans in their ability to "provide truthful information and monetary incentives to encourage their members to obtain care" from competitors that offer cheaper and higher quality alternative care choices.

The result, the lawsuit claims, are higher prices for routine services that are often available at other hospitals only minutes away for substantially less.

Hartford HealthCare's profit margin is projected to be more than 8% in the coming years, which will result in about $400 million a year, according to the lawsuit.

Last month, St. Francis Hospital sued Hartford Healthcare in federal court, accusing it of jeopardizing competition and limiting consumer choice by siphoning off doctors and seeking a monopoly of physician practices.

Over the last decade, Hartford Healthcare has grown into a statewide health system employing 33,000 people as it acquired medical practices and hospitals across Connecticut. It posted operating revenue of $5 billion.

It acquired the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain in 2011, Backus Hospital in Norwich in 2013 and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington in 2018. In 2019, it acquired St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, challenging Yale New Haven Health System in southwest Connecticut. In recent years Hartford HealthCare also added the Southington Surgery Center, other Hartford and Waterford surgery centers, as well as Middlesex Cardiology and Soundview Medical Associates.

Yale New Haven Health and Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc. announced last week they have signed an agreement for the Yale health system to acquire Manchester Memorial Hospital, Rockville General Hospital in Vernon and Waterbury Hospital.

Hospital consolidation in Connecticut will likely be the focus of legislation in the General Assembly.

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Foundation for giving granted $45M in 2021

Pandemic, mission to fight systemic racism boosted philanthropy

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving — spurred on by pandemic inequities and by its mission to support the dismantling of systemic racism — handed out more than $45 million in grants in 2021, the Foundation announced.

It was the second-highest yearly granting cycle in the Foundation's 97-year history. In 2020, the Foundation handed out $52.7 million in grants as the pandemic undercut the financial stability of the region's less fortunate and the murder of George Floyd led to a racial reckoning nationwide.

Jay Williams, president and CEO of the Foundation, said "when the pandemic and George Floyd converged, philanthropy was forever changed.

"I looked up the word pandemic and the inequities brought about by systemic racism met the definition of a pandemic," Williams said. "Many philanthropic organizations were already on this journey toward racial justice. The Hartford Foundation was already on a path addressing impediments rooted in race, place and income. The George Floyd murder brought that under sharper focus."

Williams said that the pandemic relief-racial justice priorities expanded the number of organizations and causes that were funded by the Foundation.

"Our mission remains our north star. That is, putting philanthropy into action resulting in lasting solutions to create vibrant communities throughout the region," he said. "But our strategic focus has changed, a change in the lens through which see things. ... It is our unassailable conclusion that race, place and income has had a disparate impact on the quality of life of our residents."

The Foundation, which funds projects in 29 Capitol-area municipalities, ended 2021 with total assets of nearly $1.25 billion. Since it was founded in 1925, the Foundation has awarded more than $894 million in grants. Awarded through various funds, some of the 2021 grant recipients are:

- The COVID-19 Response Fund awarded more than 250 grants, distributing more than $9.6 million between March 2020 and February 2021.
- The Access Grants initiative awarded more than $1.1 million to 33 nonprofits working to dismantle structural racism.
- Faith-based organizations helping residents disproportionately affected by COVID-19 received 33 grants totaling $300,000.
- In collaboration with the city of Hartford and Capital for Change, the Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program granted $930,000 to Hartford small businesses. More than $2 million awarded in this program in 2020. More than 70% of those grants went to minority- or women-owned businesses.
- In collaboration with the city of Hartford and Dalio Education, $9.85 million was granted to COMPASS Youth Collaborative, Our Piece of the Pie, and Roca, Inc. to support opportunity youth who are currently disengaged from school or work.
- The Greater Together Community Funds, which allow members of the community in Capitol-area municipalities decide how grants are administered, made 114 grants to 19 town committees, totaling more than $418,000.
- In addition, a portion of $500,000 raised for the The Action Fund for Racial Justice has been granted to nonprofits working to help those adversely affected by structural racism.

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TV cooking champ to appear on Frieri show

Reality show veteran opening restaurant in West Hartford

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

The Feb. 23 episode of the Food Network show "Guy's Grocery Games" stars Lee Anne Wong, from left, Adam Greenberg, Aarthi Sampath and Marc Bynum. Greenberg, a five-time champion on cooking shows, is building a restaurant in West Hartford. **DAVID MOIR/FOOD NETWORK**

Adam Greenberg, a five-time champion on cooking reality shows who is building a restaurant in West Hartford Center, will appear on Feb. 23 on "Guy's Grocery Games," according to the Food Network.

On the show starring Guy Fieri, Greenberg will compete against other food-show champions Aarthi Sampath, Marc Bynum and Lee Anne Wong. The winner will earn $15,000 and a spot on a future champions show.

On the show, the chefs cook in a grocery store. On the Feb. 23 episode, according to the network website, "the two winners of the dual pork dish battle face off in a final culinary confrontation."

Greenberg has won the show "Chopped" four times and "Beat Bobby Flay" once. He also has acted as a judge on Food Network shows.

Greenberg, a native of West Hartford, has worked in several restaurants in town, including Max a Mia, Bricco, Barcelona Wine Bar and Bartaco. He later moved to Washington, D.C., where he had a restaurant, the Coconut Club. That restaurant was a casualty of the coronavirus pandemic. It closed for good last spring.

"We were going to try and reopen in the spring of 2021, but with forecasted COVID restrictions and sales, we were forced to close," he said. "Location was in an up-and-coming area, but we needed time to grow into the space. COVID put a stronghold on any growth."

In an interview Tuesday, Greenberg said that since moving back to West Hartford, he and his partner, former Bartaco and Barcelona colleague David Boyajian, have been working on opening a new restaurant in the space at 977 Farmington Ave. that once was occupied by Grant's. The restaurant will be called Sparrow.

Greenberg said he had hoped that restaurant would have been open by now, but due to build-out delays, they are now shooting for late March.

"It will have a bar and tavern-style pizza ... with a thin, crackery crust," Greenberg said. "I want it to be a great cocktail bar with approachable bar food, meatballs, fried artichokes, wings, salads."

The restaurant, he said, also will have ghost-kitchen capabilities, called Back Door Kitchen, which will be conducted in the back of the restaurant, adjacent to the parking lot.

"Under the Back Door Kitchen umbrella, we will have two or three or four concepts going at a time," he said. "Before COVID in D.C., I started a concept called subbies, which was subs. We'll have that. We'll have a salad concept for sure. It will be quick and easy grabs for people at a reasonable price point.

"We need things in town at a price point that is a little more friendly. It's like the Chipotles of the world. But you can only eat so much Chipotle," he said.

Greenberg's episode of "Guy's Grocery Games" will be shown at 8 p.m. Feb. 23 and repeated four hours later.

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Why Murphy is in group trying to prevent Jan. 6 repeat

Bipartisan panel is looking to reform Electoral Count Act

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

HARTFORD — As a liberal Democrat and one of the younger members of the U.S. Senate, Chris Murphy of Connecticut seems an unlikely source of angst over the retirements of older Republicans such as Rob Portman of Ohio, a negotiating partner over how to preserve America's peaceful transfers of presidential power.

But Murphy says that the impending departure of "thoughtful, moderate Republicans" like Portman underscores the urgency of reforming the Electoral Count Act of 1887, the law that Donald J. Trump insists could have allowed Mike Pence to unilaterally deny Joe Biden the White House on Jan. 6, 2021.

Murphy spent the afternoon of Jan. 6 sheltering with other senators while a mob egged on by Trump rampaged in the Capitol, assaulting police officers and interrupting what usually has been a ceremonial act: The vice president presiding over the acceptance of Electoral College votes certified and cast by the states for president.

In recent weeks, Murphy and Portman have been among a working group of Democrats and Republicans negotiating how to clarify what already was clear to most legal scholars and Trump's vice president: The Electoral Count Act is not a license to undo an election.

But the 135-year-old law, among its other flaws in the view of the working group, offers an invitation to insurrection: Without any standard for objections, it requires a debate on accepting a state's electoral votes at the insistence of a single senator and a single representative.

"The very fact that it was so easy for Trump's backers in Congress to force a debate and a vote is part of the story as to what led to January 6," Murphy said. "All those people were storming the Capitol, because we were having a debate about certifying Biden's electors."

The working group is talking about raising the bar to force a debate on certification, perhaps a quarter or third of each chamber of Congress. Editorialists have suggested that sustaining an objection to any state's electors require a super majority.

"If we make it harder for that debate to happen, if we require there to be more than just two members of the Congress, then it gives less chance for that kind of popular mischief to happen," Murphy said.

There is political risk for the members of the working group, most obviously for Republicans. Their participation draws the scorn of Trump, still the dominant personality in the GOP and its possible presidential nominee in 2024. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska is the only Republican in the group running in 2022, and Trump already was backing Murkowski's opponent for the GOP nomination.

Like Murkowski, two others in the group, Mitt Romney of Utah and Susan Collins of Maine, also were Trump targets.

Trump has used the bipartisan effort to both isolate the GOP participants as dreaded RINOs (Republicans in name only) and as evidence Pence could have refused certification.

"If the Vice President had 'absolutely no right' to change the Presidential Election results in the Senate, despite fraud and many other irregularities, how come the Democrats and RINO Republicans, like Wacky Susan Collins, are desperately trying to pass legislation that will not allow the Vice President to change the results of the election?" Trump said.

For a Democrat like Murphy, the risk is more subtle — associating himself with a compromise that may prove unsatisfying.

With the failure of the evenly divided Senate to advance a new voting rights law, one named for the late civil rights leader and congressman John R. Lewis, there is a push among Democrats for the Electoral Count Act reforms to go beyond clarification.

Democrats in the working group include Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, both bitterly resented by progressives for blocking elements of Biden's agenda, including the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021.

"This feels to me like one of these bills will have both Republicans and Democrats voting for it and both Republicans and Democrats voting against it," Murphy said. "I'm heartbroken over our failure to get the voting rights act passed. But I've never been a believer that the perfect should be the enemy of the good, especially when it comes to protecting our democracy from attack."

On CNN last week, Murkowski said the group was seeking not-too-much, not-too-little reforms that can attract senators from both parties. Like Murphy, she acknowledged the compromise will leave some unhappy.

"I kind of have said, we're going to take the Goldilocks approach here. We're gonna try to find what's just right," Murkowski told CNN. "And it's not going to be just right for everybody, but will it be a step ahead? Will it be important for the country? Yeah."

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., initially scoffed at the effort as a Republican ploy to distract from their opposition to the John Lewis Act. But he has since signaled support, as has Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

McConnell, who strongly objected on Jan. 6, 2021, to the efforts by Trump and congressional allies to reject Biden's victory, criticized the Republican National Committee's recent censure of Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger, the two House Republicans on the select committee investigating the Jan. 6 uprising.

Pence has been resolute, affirming in a recent speech, "Our former president said I had the right to 'overturn the election.' President Trump is wrong," Pence said. "I had no right to overturn the election. The presidency belongs to the American people and the American people alone."

Two of Connecticut's three representatives to the RNC opposed the resolution. Leora Levy, a candidate for Senate, supported it, though she says she does not question the legitimacy of Biden's election. The resolution also characterized the attack on the Capitol as "legitimate political discourse."

"Right now, the Republican Party is controlled by Donald Trump and his crowd that puts power over democracy," Murphy said. "That's incredibly worrying. But there is a sizable group of Republicans who see Trump and his movement as a growing threat to democracy. And they are speaking up more often."

But Murphy said he also sees worrying evidence that the newer generation of congressional Republicans are more aligned with Trump and Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Josh Hawley of Missouri, who led the effort to stop the certification of Biden's win.

"What's interesting to me is there were 12 Republicans that signed that letter supporting Cruz and Hawley's effort to overturn the election, " Murphy said. "Every single freshmen Senate Republican was a member of that 12, that group of 12, which tells you the way the Senate is turning."

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LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION
OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION

On February 10, 2022, Christina Costa, Zoning Enforcement Officer approved Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance #22-015 at 2 Thompson Road, Map 17/Lot 05, Gateway Business B-4 District to allow for the replacement of an 8' x 19' wood deck on Building D which had been deemed structurally unsafe by the Old Saybrook Building Official and construction of a 120 s.f. shed located at least 2' off the property line with a maximum height of 10'. Applicant: Jhonny Rivera & Jhefferson Rivera Agent: Attorney Edward M. Cassella.

Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 16th day of February, 2022.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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NOTICE OF DECISIONS
MIDDLETOWN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBURARY 09, 2022

1. Granted an affirmative GS 8-24 report for two permanent access easements to Eversource over portion of land located at Map-Lot 07-0226 Country Club Road. Applicant/agent City of Middletown/Land Use Dept. GS 8-24 2022-4.
2. Granted an affirmative GS 8-24 report for a permanent access easement to Eversource over portion of land located at Map-Lot 19-0053 Catherine Street. Applicant/agent City of Middletown/Land Use Dept. GS 8-24 2022-5
3. Approved authorization to Assistant General Counsel Christopher Forte to convey the Planning and Zoning Commission's response to The Hartford Dispensary d/b/a Root Center for Advanced Recovery's settlement offer.
4. Approved the confirmation of support for the appeal of The Hartford Dispensary d/b/a Root Center for Advanced Recovery v. City of Middletown, Planning and Zoning Commission.

Thomas Pattavina, Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission
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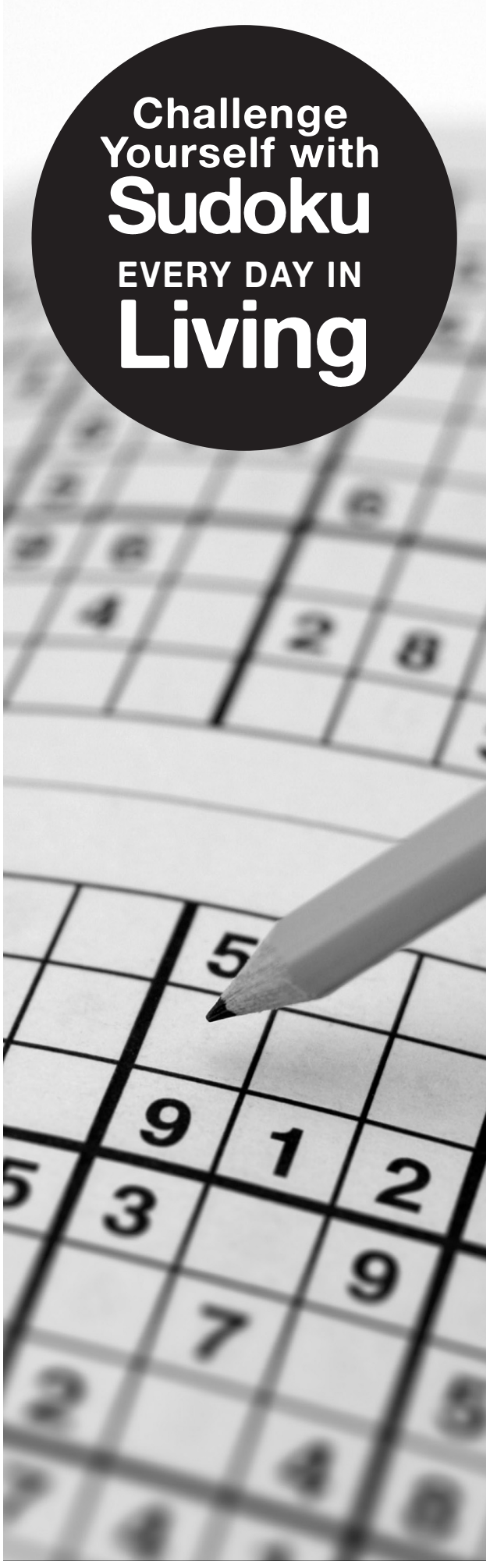

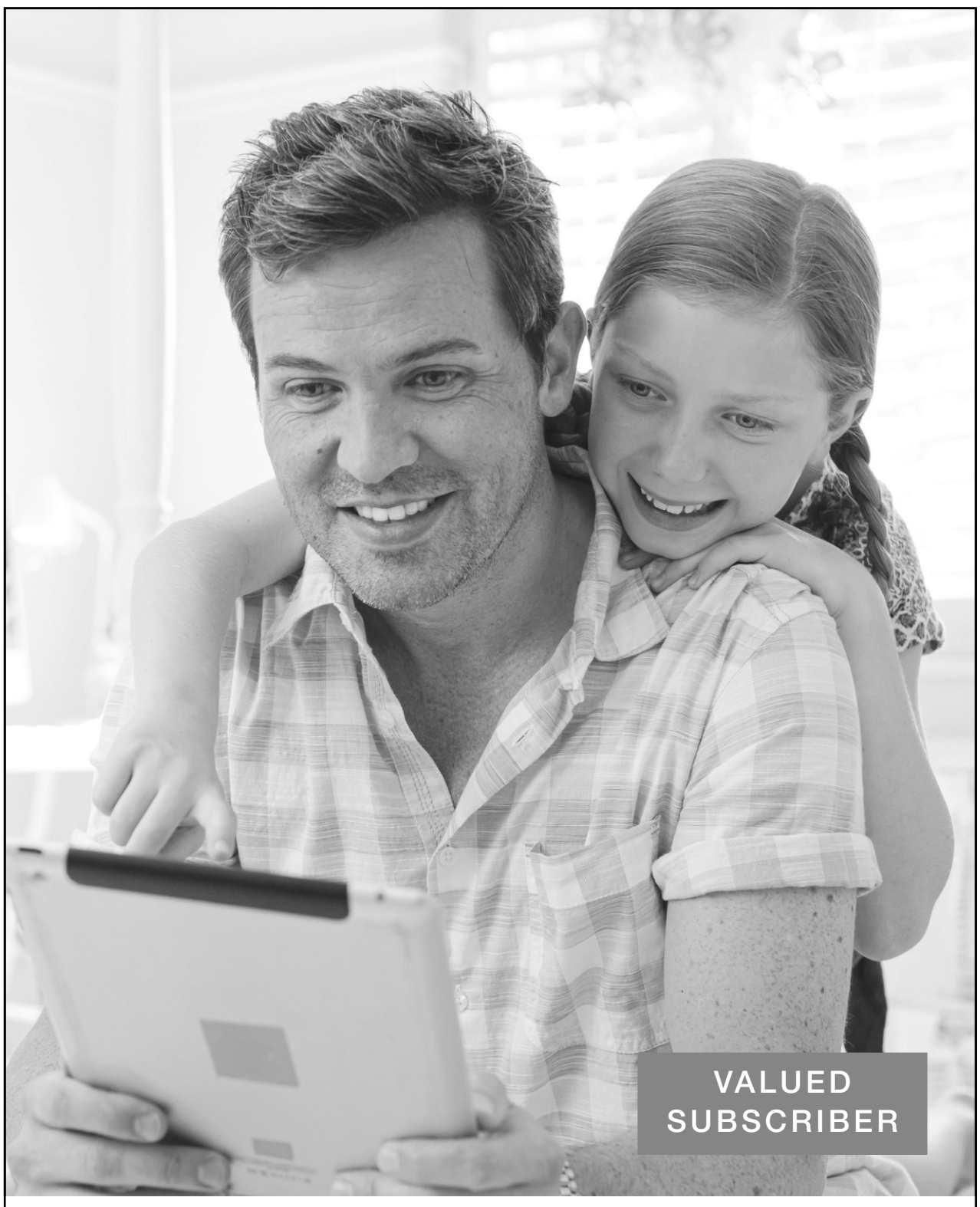

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Postponement fatigue

Couples who put off weddings are ready to get married already

By Anna P. Kambhampaty
The New York Times

When Leslie Krivo-Kaufman and Israel Geselowitz heard news of the omicron variant's spread, a familiar frustration overcame them. The couple, who live in the Brooklyn borough of New York City, had started talking about planning a wedding in December 2019. By late last year, they had already postponed their date three times and had to cut their guest list in half because of the pandemic.

The thought of having to postpone again was daunting. Krivo-Kaufman, 30, and Geselowitz, 29, decided to keep their plans for a March 2022 wedding and to proceed with caution by ensuring all guests are vaccinated and possibly asking them to take rapid COVID-19 tests to attend.

"I think we're at a point where it feels like it needs to happen no matter what, which is not to say that we'll proceed with an event that does not feel safe and comfortable," said Krivo-Kaufman, who added that they would scale back their event as much as needed for it to happen.

This year, nearly 2.5 million weddings are expected to happen in the United States, according to data from the Wedding Report, a trade group in Tucson, Arizona. Its findings estimate that about 20% of weddings planned for 2021 were postponed to 2022, and that roughly half of the weddings originally set for 2020 were postponed to 2021 or beyond.

And after two years of planning and rescheduling ceremonies because of the pandemic, some couples, like Krivo-Kaufman and Geselowitz, are experiencing postponement fatigue. Despite the spread of the omicron variant, they're moving forward, even if that means having a smaller wedding or reworking the event to include safety precautions.

Melissa Gabriel, the owner of Honey Bee Weddings & Events in Manhattan, New York, said that her clients with weddings scheduled for February and March 2022 are conscientiously forging ahead. "People are really just pressing forward and making up their own guidelines and how they can get themselves down the aisle safely," she said.

The surge of the delta variant last summer, she said, has helped her better equip clients who want to avoid postponing because of omicron. "People were extra cautious then, going back to asking people to wear masks, even for outdoor events and even when it wasn't required by legislation. Some were requiring guests to be tested 24 hours before," she said. "That's what I'm seeing now. People resorting back to being safer, rather than wanting to cancel."

Audriana White, who owns Noble Gold Events in Brooklyn, said the first 2022 wedding she is working on is in April, and that her clients are also trekking along as of now. "I haven't had anyone who has considered canceling or postponing their wedding yet. At this stage, we're in a solid place as far as planning is concerned, so it makes the decision to cancel or postpone a very difficult one," she said.

The past two years "have certainly been trying and causing anxiety and frustration," she said. "It seems my clients are in a place where whoever is able to attend, will. But their show must go on. It's been quite the emotional roller coaster."

White is preparing for potential new variants to arise as well. "We're focusing on whatever precautions we can take" for clients who don't want to postpone, she said. Right now, that includes adhering to regulations set by venues, states and localities, making sure vendors are masked for the entire event and encouraging guests to self quarantine before attending.

While a willingness to accept a wedding that may be different in size or style than originally envisioned is leading some couples not to postpone, there are other factors. Tzo Ai Ang, the owner of Ang Weddings and Events in Manhattan, said she is noticing that vendors are offering less wiggle room for changes to contracts than they did earlier in the pandemic when local governments declared lockdowns.

"As businesses, they can't keep canceling and rescheduling. If events can actually go ahead, putting all the safeties into place — vaccination, testing, all of that — it's hard for a venue to allow a client to cancel or change a date without any repercussions," she said.

Seth Rosen, 37, and Martha Burla, 36, who live in Chicago, were originally supposed to get married in January 2021, but postponed the event by a year. "The idea of scaling down, doing something smaller, just having a small family event wasn't really interesting to either of us. We said we'll wait and have a full wedding when we can," Rosen said.

News of the omicron variant was particularly frustrating, he said, because the venue they booked for their wedding on Jan. 15 would not allow them to cancel or postpone and still get their money back. Citing safety concerns, guests also started to drop out, resulting in the type of scaled-down event that the couple had hoped to avoid by postponing in the first place.

Rosen said the cancellations were "fully understandable," adding "we're not mad about it." Without any alternative but to move forward, the couple went into a quarantine for two weeks at the beginning of January.

"Because the venue wasn't letting us cancel, I thought, 'What's the worst case scenario?' And either of us getting COVID was obviously the worst case scenario," Burla said. The lead-up to their wedding "was a series of highs and lows," including guest cancellations all through December and "at least 20 cancellations in the two days before the wedding." The couple had originally invited 180 guests; in the end, around 90 people attended.

But "most importantly," she said, "we got married, had a beautiful and very fun day, and no one caught COVID at our event, which felt like a miracle."

"I think we're at a point where it feels like it needs to happen no matter what, which is not to say that we'll proceed with an event that does not feel safe and comfortable." *— Leslie Krivo-Kaufman*

EX-ETIQUETTE

Be honest when ending a dating relationship

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q: After about a year on an online dating site, I finally met someone. Actually, I met two. And, they both like me as well. I decided to date them both — just ride it out until one appealed to me more than the other. I was honest and told them both I was seeing other people. Well, the inevitable happened. I was simply drawn to one more than the other and we have decided to see each other exclusively. I don't know how to tell the other person. I feel bad, but I don't know what to say to him and I've put it off for two days. What's good ex-etiquette?

A: You are right, it's insensitive to let someone believe you are interested when you are not. The question here is really not about the breakup, but what to say, so let's take a look at some honest but creative ways to end a relationship. First thing: Don't ghost. Second, don't text. Third, calling is far classier than ghosting and texting.

The five-step breakup

1. Start with a positive about them. Really think about who they are to you and point that out. It might be, "Alan, we have grown close over the last few (weeks, months, etc.) and I've never met anyone as kind as you."

2. Elaborate if you like, or move on to the next step.

3. Explain your reason for the breakup. That might be, "I'm not ready for a serious relationship right now." Or, "Our political or religious views don't match." Or, "There's someone else."

4. Make sure you make it clear you want to break up. "So, I think we should stop seeing each other." Or, "So, I think we will just make better friends."

5. Offer closure. "I know we'll always care about each other." Or, "I'm so glad I got to know you."

Following these steps, you have been honest, kind and respectful.

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CELEBRITIES

Regina Hall, from left, Amy Schumer and Wanda Sykes will be hosting the Oscars. **AP PHOTOS**

Hall, Schumer, Sykes to host Oscars

From news services

After three years without a host, the Oscars are making up for lost time with three hosts for this year's awards. Amy Schumer, Regina Hall and Wanda Sykes are set to host the 94th Academy Awards, producer Will Packer said Tuesday.

It's the first time hosting for all three women, and the first time in 35 years there has been this many hosts for one broadcast.

"This year's show is all about uniting movie lovers," Packer said in a statement. "It's apropos that we've lined up three of the most dynamic, hilarious women with very different comedic styles."

The show is hoping to rebound from the dismal viewership of last year's broadcast, which was both an all-time low and the norm for pandemic-era awards shows.

In addition to bringing back starry hosts and bumping the best picture nominees to a set 10, the Academy is hoping to spike interest through social media voting for a "fan favorite" movie that will be announced during the show, as well as a chance to win a trip to Los Angeles for the ceremony.

The Academy Awards will be held March 27 and broadcast live on ABC.

Biles, Owens engaged: Olympic great Simone Biles said it was "the easiest yes" when her fellow elite athlete Jonathan Owens popped the question on Valentine's Day.

"I can't wait to spend forever & ever with you, you're everything I dreamed of and more! let's get married FIANCE," the gymnast posted on Instagram.

"Ready for forever with you," Owens responded in her comments on Instagram — heart emoji in place.

Biles, 24, and Houston Texans safety Owens, 26, have been dating for nearly two years.

Owens took a knee in a set of photos the most decorated gymnast of all time shared on Twitter and Instagram. They were in a gazebo, and Biles was wearing a black mini dress and heels. Owens beamed as he placed a substantial rock on her finger.

More engagement photos had the two celebrating with a kiss at dinner and a close-up of the two holding hands, displaying Biles' oval-shaped diamond ring.

Tafoya leaving sideline reporting: Veteran sideline reporter Michele Tafoya is leaving the NFL for politics. The Atlantic reports that the broadcaster, 57, who has worked 327 NFL games including Sunday's Super Bowl, will co-chair Minnesota Republican gubernatorial candidate Kendall Qualls' electoral efforts.

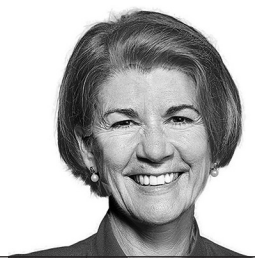
Tafoya plans to appear on programs where politics and current events are discussed. That, she hopes, will evolve into a gig with a weekly or daily show.

"I gave (NBC) my notice three years ago hoping to be done earlier," Tafoya told the Athletic, insisting the split was her decision.

According to Tafoya, her sports broadcasting workload was supposed to start winding down in 2020, but COVID-19 made scheduling complicated, so she stayed on full-time a little longer than planned.

Tafoya said there are things happening in the world she wants to be more vocal about, and a show like "Sunday Night Football" isn't the appropriate platform.

Feb. 16 birthdays: Singer Peggy King is 92. Actor LeVar Burton is 65. Rapper Ice-T is 64. Actor Lisa Loring is 64. Guitarist Andy Taylor is 61. Drummer Dave Lombardo is 57. Actor Sarah Clarke is 50. Actor Mahershala Ali is 48. Singer Ryan Follese is 35. Musician Danielle Haim is 33. Actor Elizabeth Olsen is 33.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Reader wonders about limits of sympathy

Dear Amy: "Randall," who went to school with my boyfriend, recently passed away.

My boyfriend and Randall were not particularly close and had not spoken in several years, but Randall left a wife and child behind.

He and his wife were extremely anti-vax, and he died due to COVID-19 complications.

In some sense, I feel angry that his daughter is now forced to grow up without a father, due to his attitude regarding the vaccine. I also feel sorry that his wife now has to raise her child alone and is suffering the loss of the love of her life.

I picked up a sympathy card but had reservations about sending it.

If his death could have been prevented, should I still send my regards?

— *Sympathy Deserved*

Dear Sympathy: Many deaths can be prevented. The one-car traffic accident, the fall from a ladder, failure to wear a seat belt or a motorcycle helmet, a misdiagnosis, a suicide, an overdose: Depending on your perspective, these deaths might be preventable.

Anger is a natural reaction to deaths that seem senseless or even self-inflicted. However, your query about feeling or expressing sympathy when you don't respect the views of the person who died merits some self-examination.

Digressing a bit from your dilemma, I have been personally troubled by a measure of what I can only describe as "gloating" when people who identify as anti-vaxxers have died from COVID-19. (I realize that you are not doing this.) I see this as an unfortunate character illness amplified by the pandemic.

It seems easy enough to send a card, even if you are conflicted about the person who died. It is a basic kindness, but if you think this gesture renders you a hypocrite, then don't do it.

Dear Amy: A high school friend from 1975 recently contacted me before Christmas on Facebook (I'm a woman; we had a hippy-dippy "friends with benefits" type of relationship).

In his Facebook message, he asked if he could call. I said yes, he called me, and we had a very nice long chat.

Two days later he asked when would be a good time to talk again!

I said that because of the holidays I was very busy, so I suggested that he call sometime afterwards. He called me a couple of weeks later, and we had another nice long chat.

Then he called the next day, asking if we could talk again.

I politely explained that this isn't personal, but I have a very busy life with an aged mom and family nearby (as well as a stressful job), and that I just didn't have a lot of time for long chats.

He has called/texted me a dozen times since then, but I have not answered.

I don't know how else to tell him that I don't want to be in touch.

What should I do?

— *Over It*

Dear Over It: You've already explained to your friend that you don't have the time or inclination to have frequent extended conversations with him.

Your behavior now is consistent with your candid statement.

If you are inclined at some point (this should be up to you), you might take a call or text and just ask him, quite plainly: "What are you seeking here?" And depending on how he answers, you can respond honestly regarding whether you are up for any version of it.

Dear Amy: I've recently gotten in the habit of thanking my wife for everything she does for us in this household.

Lately, I've been thanking people for "being here."

Last night at a drive-thru, I thanked the young lady behind the window for "being here."

She responded, smiling broadly, "Oh my gosh, thanks for saying that. I almost didn't come in tonight! Have a good night, sir."

The more I thank people, the more I realize that these people appreciate being appreciated. You might give it a try — and thanks to you for being here.

— *Grateful*

Dear Grateful: My daily practice at the Dunkin' drive-thru is to make eye contact and verbally express my gratitude. "Thanks for being here" really says it all.

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Julia Garner, left, and Anna Chlumsky in "Inventing Anna." **NICOLE RIVELLI/NETFLIX**

Garner channels energy of fake German heiress in Netflix series

By Alicia Rancilio
Associated Press

Julia Garner admits to feeling "intimidated" when she met Anna Sorokin — who posed as a German heiress in New York society named Anna Delvey — and was later convicted of fraud.

Garner portrays Sorokin in the new Shonda Rhimes series for Netflix, "Inventing Anna," now streaming. What surprised Garner at that prison meeting? Sorokin was likable.

"I just really wanted to get her energy," said Garner. "What was coming across — that I didn't expect — was how bubbly she was, how charming."

Garner walked away with insight into just how Sorokin was able to pull off her schemes.

"When I got out of that visit, I was like, 'Wow, that's why she was so close in getting everything that she wanted. And that's why those powerful people and just people in general just gravitated towards her. ... It made you conflicted. It was very strange."

"Inventing Anna" is based on a New York magazine article by Jessica Pressler, who is a producer on the project. In the series, six-time Emmy nominee Anna Chlumsky plays a reporter named Vivian who is chasing the story. What she ends up writing is Pressler's article.

Laverne Cox, Alexis Floyd and Anthony Edwards portray people in her orbit. Arian Moayed plays Sorokin's attorney. Katie Lowes is Rachel, who enjoyed the trappings of being friends with someone with a five-star lifestyle. Rachel was with Sorokin on a trip to Morocco when Sorokin's credit cards stopped working. She blamed the bank. Rachel, a Vanity Fair employee, forked over her company card as a temporary hold but ended up getting charged $60,000. Later, Rachel wrote a story for Vanity Fair about the experience and published a book called "My Friend Anna." Lena Dunham is adapting the Vanity Fair article for HBO.

Garner, a two-time Emmy winner for "Ozark," says this was the hardest she has ever worked, and the trickiest part was mastering Sorokin's hard-to-place accent. "It's a hybrid of different accents," she said. "I literally had to have an accent with different accents."

Chlumsky says her scenes with Garner — her character visiting Anna in prison, where she's trying to get her to open up, but Anna just wants to criticize her clothes, comment on her pregnant figure and ask for expensive underwear and fashion magazines — "felt like the very best days in acting class."

"You just play off of each other, and you are completely committed to the present moment. It felt like, 'Oh, this is exactly how we trained.'"

"Inventing Anna" is Rhimes' second project for Netflix, and her fingerprints are noticeable. The music, look, writing and pacing will ring familiar for fans of her other shows.

"There are certain things that get put into the Shondaland sauce, no matter what the show," said Lowes. "We're talking about complex, complicated women in lead roles. We are not sure who's the villain, who's a hero. There is the vibe that you can't digest it fast enough. You want to turn to the next page."

One person in particular is not interested in the series. The real Sorokin penned an open letter first published by Insider.com, stating that she won't be watching, saying "nothing ... sounds appealing" about the show.

A year ago, Sorokin was released from prison after serving about two years. She's in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and awaiting a possible deportation to Germany.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): An important decision may present itself to you at any moment. You could have a chance to go in a whole new direction. Making a plan that you align with is more likely to succeed than any plan made for someone else's benefit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You could make a connection today that will result in a long-term partnership. That doesn't mean what's happening at home isn't also important. In fact, your daily surroundings are vital just now — you may want to spruce them up. A few minor changes could give you a boost.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Chances are you're not shy when it comes to telling others what you want. Still, that doesn't mean they're always up to giving it. It might be better to hold back just a little so that you don't scare anyone away. You don't need to necessarily change what you say, but you can look into gentler ways to say it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Create a solid bond with someone. If you aren't sure what path to take, listen to your heart. Valuing yourself and your emotions will make it easier to get others to do the same. Think about your feelings. Changes may be needed to make you the person you really want to be.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Distractions could be a danger. Your attention keeps wandering. You may just be bored with the way things are. Make a few changes. You don't need to turn everything upside down, but a closer look at updating the way you approach your daily tasks won't do any harm.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Bring luxury into your life. A few treats shouldn't hurt, as long as you don't overcommit yourself — financially or otherwise. There are plenty of opportunities to have fun, but pencil in some downtime too. Some of the best moments can come when you haven't made plans.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your privacy is important tat the moment, but that doesn't mean you need to hide. Far from it — you'll probably enjoy being surrounded by people, as long as you don't have to share your innermost thoughts. You shouldn't share anything that you don't want to. Just remain true to yourself.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Being open to chatter while you're out and about can have surprising results. Get out of your comfort zone. What are you actually afraid of and what's the worst that can realistically happen? Once you've addressed those questions, you can probably find ways to deal with them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Splurging on fun stuff can give you a buzz now — at least until you count up how much you've actually spent. You deserve to treat yourself in some way, but there are ways of doing that without breaking the bank. Taking a relaxing bath would be a step in the right direction.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Having a positive perception of yourself will change how you move and talk to people — they'll probably think that you're attractive. While that could make you feel even better, it doesn't mean there isn't room for improvement. Check out a few ways of upgrading your look.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It could be tempting to keep a partnership secret. Whether that's a problem or not depends on why you want to be discreet. If you simply think it's no one else's business, that could be fine. There may be bigger problems you need to deal with. Watch out for a cosmic spotlight on your relationship.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Today could herald a boost to your popularity. Taking advantage of invitations that come your way isn't a bad thing, but you need to avoid overcommitting yourself. People aren't likely to turn around and dislike you tomorrow, so you can always connect with them later.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Feb. 16, 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence from the Russian Empire.

In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's tomb was unsealed in Egypt by English archaeologist Howard Carter.

In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba one and a half months after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1996, eleven people were killed in a fiery collision between an Amtrak passenger train and a Maryland commuter train in Silver Spring, Maryland.

In 2009, in Stamford, Connecticut, a 200-pound chimpanzee named Travis went berserk, severely mauling its owner's friend, Charla Nash; Travis was shot dead by police.

In 2011, bookstore chain Borders filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

In 2021, FEMA opened its first COVID-19 mass vaccination sites.

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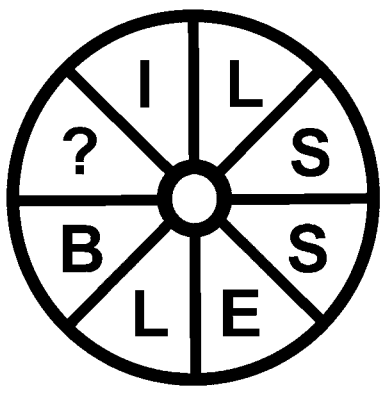
WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

LIMBLESS

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: bookshop

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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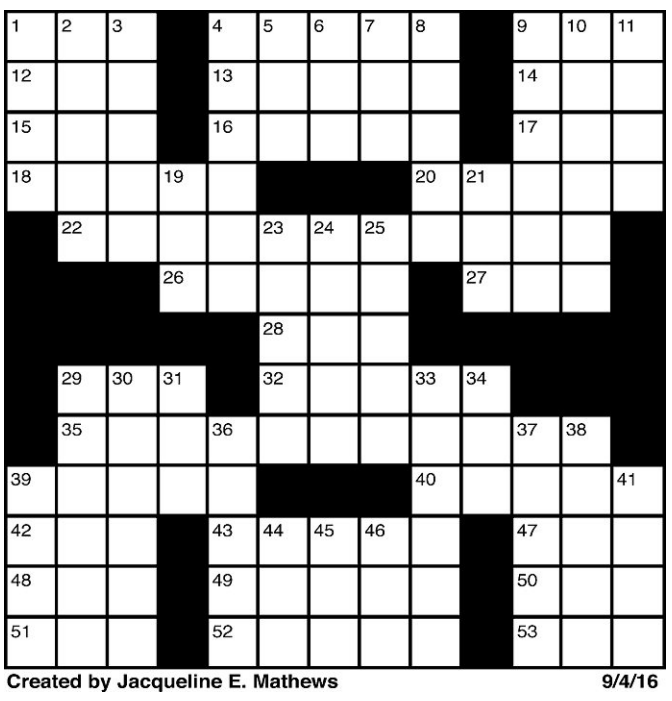

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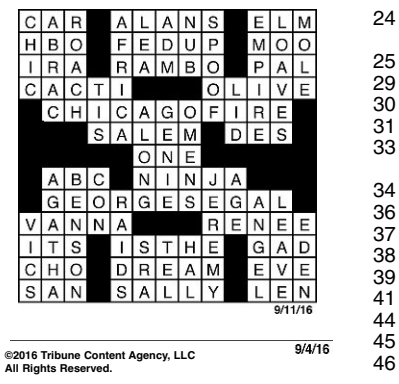
ACROSS

1 "__ 54, Where Are You?"
4 Hale and Thicke
9 "A Nightmare on __ Street"; Johnny Depp movie
12 "Game of Thrones" network
13 Totally disgusted
14 Cow's comment
15 Paul's cousin on "Mad About You"
16 Sylvester Stallone thriller
17 Buddy
18 Prickly desert plants
20 Popeye's love
22 Series for Jesse Spencer
26 Oregon's capital
27 __ Moines, Iowa
28 "__ Life to Live"
29 "__ World News Tonight with David Muir"
32 "Teenage Mutant __ Turtles"
35 Actor on "The Goldbergs"
39 "Wheel of Fortune" personality
40 Actress Zellweger
42 "Leah Remini: __ All Relative"
43 "Orange __ New Black"
47 Word attached to fly or about
48 Comedian Margaret
49 "I __ of Jeannie"
50 Arden or Plumb
51 Actress Laura __ Giacomo
52 Field or Struthers
53 Actor Cariou

DOWN

1 Stylish
2 Bric-__; knickknacks
3 Disgusting bug
4 "Madagascar: Escape 2 __"; film for Ben Stiller and Chris Rock
5 Actress Thompson
6 Nav. bigwig
7 Crux of the matter
8 Parody; humorous imitation
9 "Star Wars: Episode V - The __ Strikes Back"
10 __ of bread; bakery offerings
11 "The __"; former reality game show for Anderson Cooper
19 "...'__ the season to be jolly..."
21 Trash can cover
23 "__ Came Polly"; Jennifer Aniston movie
24 Magical creature in the movie "Aladdin"
25 Foreboding signs
29 British crime writer __ Christie
30 Robert Guillaume sitcom
31 "__ Air"; movie for Nicolas Cagne
33 One of the twins on "Little People, Big World"
34 "Ice __"; hit animated film
36 Sudden attacks
37 "Touched by an __"
38 "__ It to Beaver"
39 Damone and Tayback
41 Actress Barbara
44 Mme. in Madrid
45 __ Aviv, Israel
46 Holbrook or Linden



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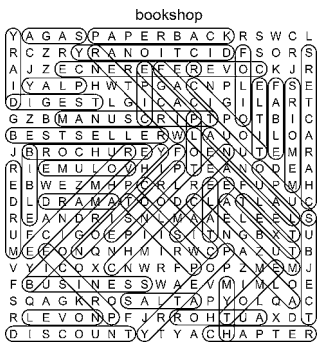

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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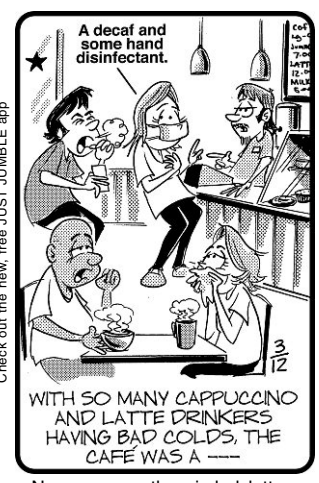

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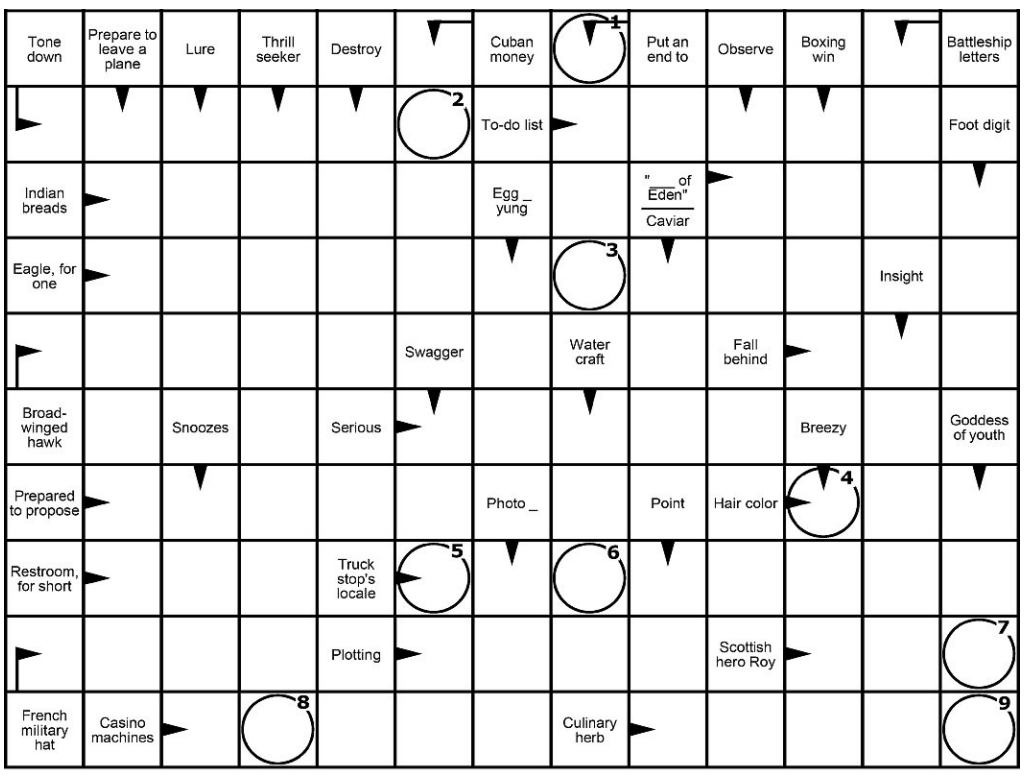
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____-_____" _____

Jumbles: GOOSE HARSH PROVEN CAMPUS
Answer: With so many cappuccino and latte drinkers having bad colds, the café was a — "COUGH-EE" SHOP

ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.



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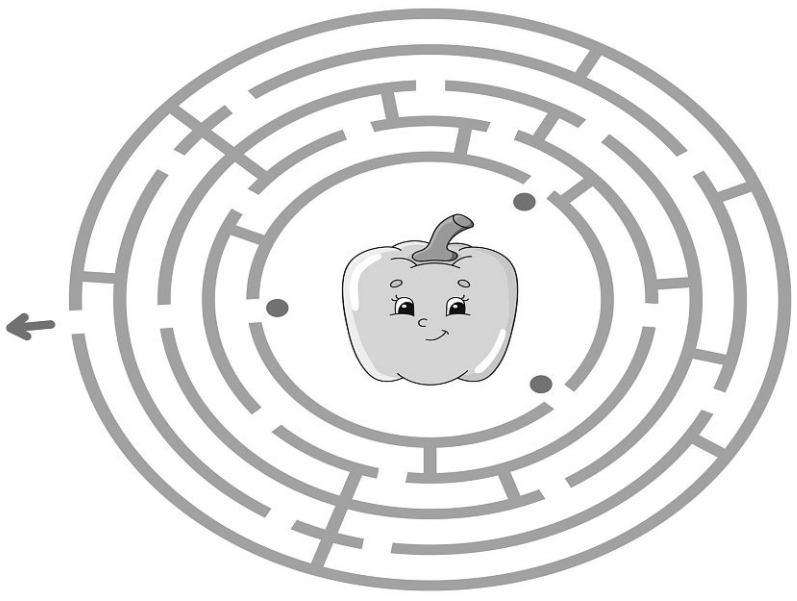

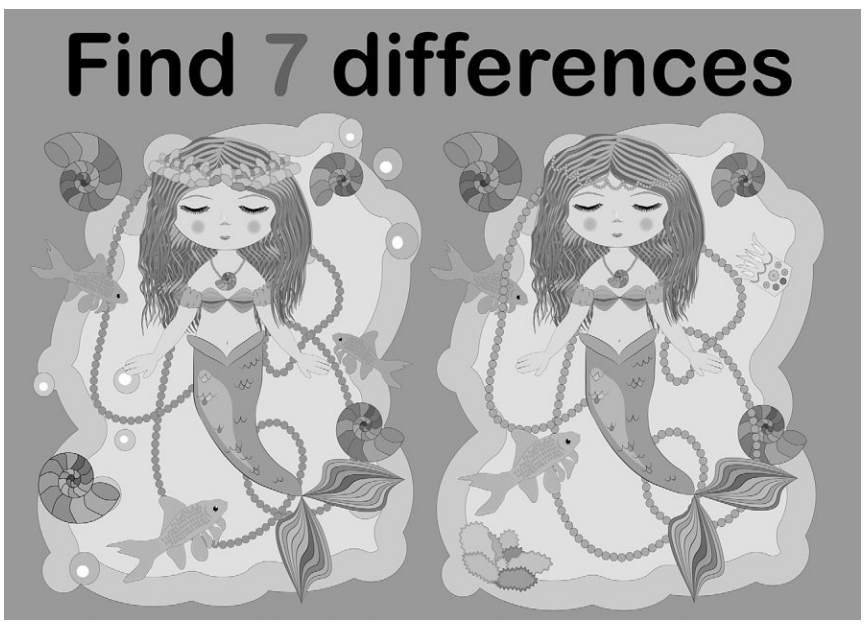

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

HERE'S JOE MOTOCROSS GOING OUT TO START HIS BIKE...
VAROOM!
RIP! RIP! RIP! RIP! RIP! RIP! POOOOOOOSHHH!
THE NEIGHBORS HATE ME!
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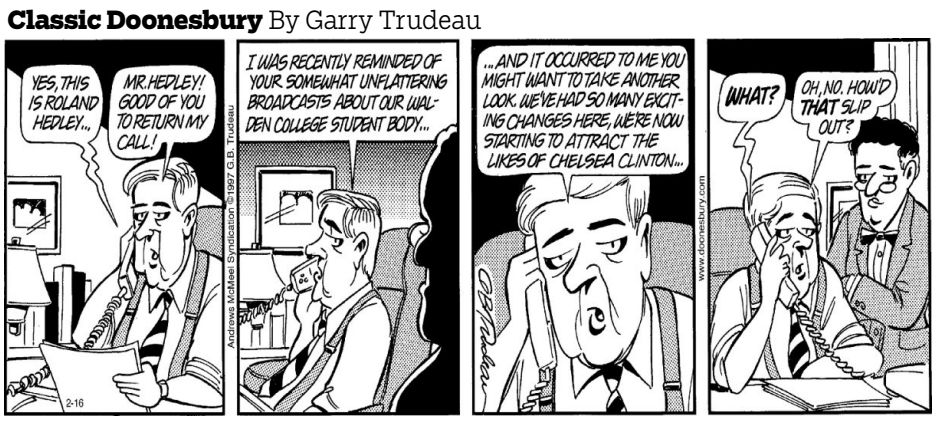
SCHULZ

Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau


YES, THIS IS ROLAND HEDLEY...
MR. HEDLEY! GOOD OF YOU TO RETURN MY CALL!
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I WAS RECENTLY REMINDED OF YOUR SOMEWHAT UNFLATTERING BROADCASTS ABOUT OUR WALDEN COLLEGE STUDENT BODY...
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...AND IT OCCURRED TO ME YOU MIGHT WANT TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK. WE'VE HAD SO MANY EXCITING CHANGES HERE, WE'RE NOW STARTING TO ATTRACT THE LIKES OF CHELSEA CLINTON...
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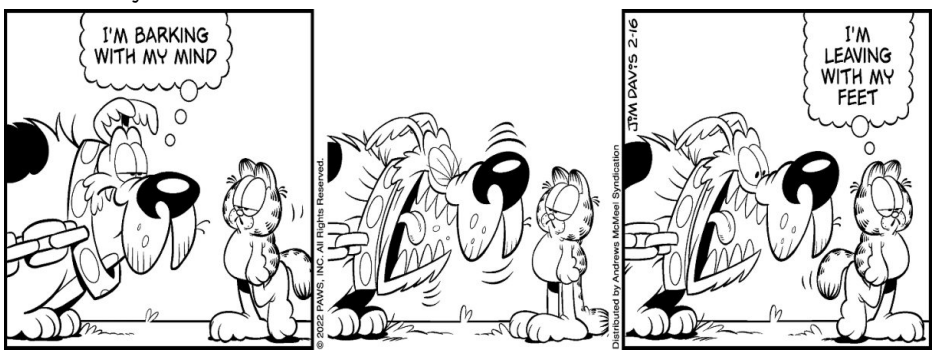
WHAT?
OH, NO. HOW'D THAT SLIP OUT?

Garfield By Jim Davis


I'M BARKING WITH MY MIND
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JIM DAVIS 2-16
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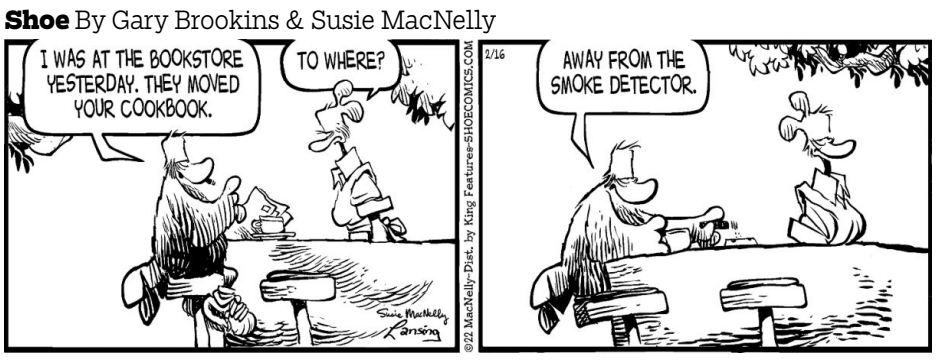
I'M LEAVING WITH MY FEET

Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly


I WAS AT THE BOOKSTORE YESTERDAY. THEY MOVED YOUR COOKBOOK.
TO WHERE?
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AWAY FROM THE SMOKE DETECTOR.

Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker

I'M CURIOUS. IF I WERE TO ASK YOU OUT ON A DATE...
...WHAT ARE THE ODDS YOU'D SAY YES?
A THOUSAND TO ONE.
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SO IF I WERE TO ASK EVERY NIGHT, IT WOULD TAKE JUST A LITTLE LESS THAN THREE YE--
I MEANT ZERO.
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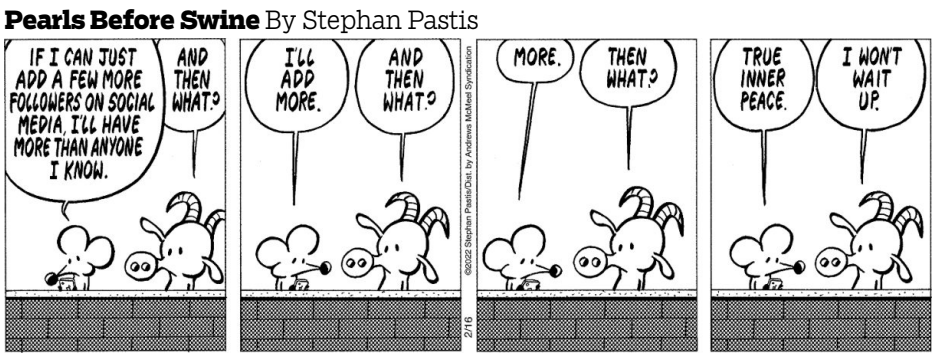
Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis


IF I CAN JUST ADD A FEW MORE FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, I'LL HAVE MORE THAN ANYONE I KNOW.
AND THEN WHAT?
I'LL ADD MORE.
AND THEN WHAT?
MORE.
THEN WHAT?
TRUE INNER PEACE.
I WON'T WAIT UP.
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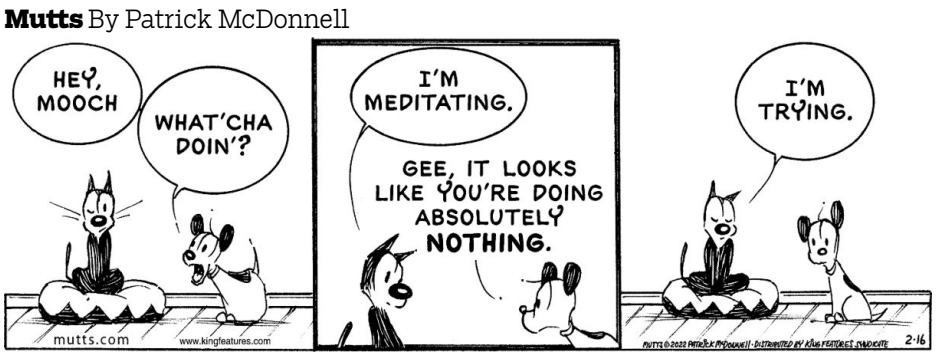
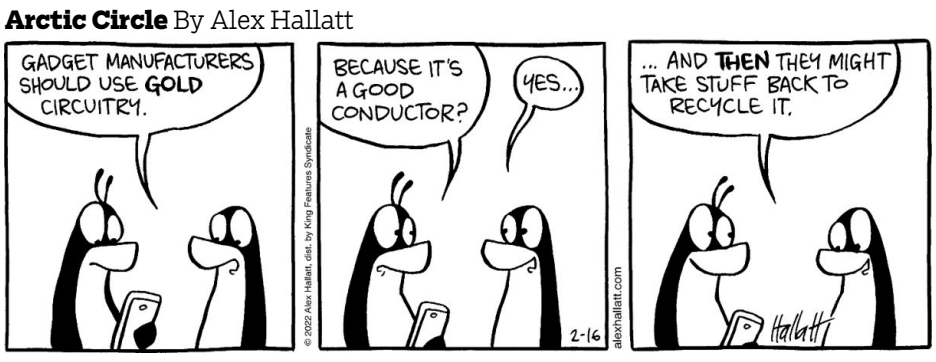
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



Arctic Circle By Alex Hallatt


GADGET MANUFACTURERS SHOULD USE GOLD CIRCUITRY.
BECAUSE IT'S A GOOD CONDUCTOR?
YES...
... AND THEN THEY MIGHT TAKE STUFF BACK TO RECYCLE IT.
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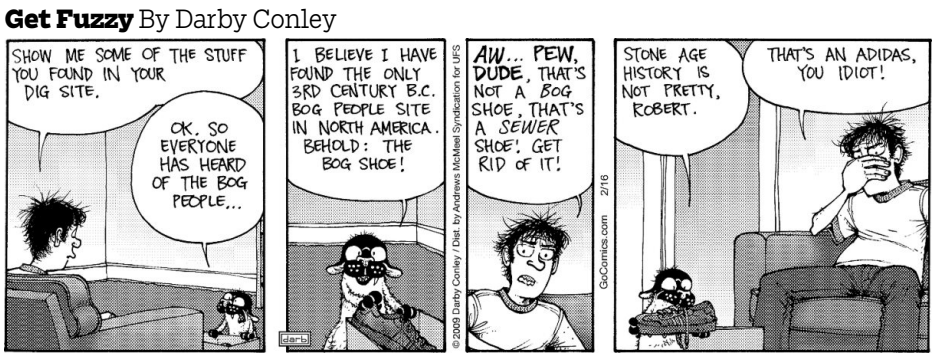
Jump Start By Robb Armstrong

Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley


SHOW ME SOME OF THE STUFF YOU FOUND IN YOUR DIG SITE.
OK. SO EVERYONE HAS HEARD OF THE BOG PEOPLE...
I BELIEVE I HAVE FOUND THE ONLY 3RD CENTURY B.C. BOG PEOPLE SITE IN NORTH AMERICA. BEHOLD: THE BOG SHOE!
AW... PEW, DUDE, THAT'S NOT A BOG SHOE, THAT'S A SEWER SHOE! GET RID OF IT!
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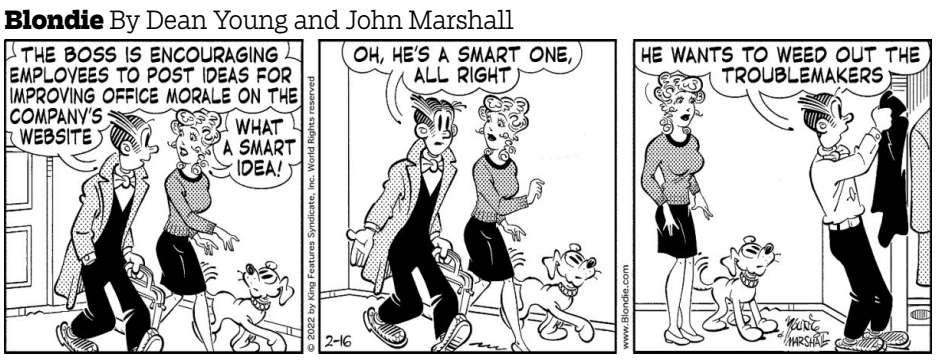
STONE AGE HISTORY IS NOT PRETTY, ROBERT.
THAT'S AN ADIDAS, YOU IDIOT!

Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


THE BOSS IS ENCOURAGING EMPLOYEES TO POST IDEAS FOR IMPROVING OFFICE MORALE ON THE COMPANY'S WEBSITE
WHAT A SMART IDEA!
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OH, HE'S A SMART ONE, ALL RIGHT
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HE WANTS TO WEED OUT THE TROUBLEMAKERS
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Dilbert By Scott Adams

WELL, WELL, HUMAN. I SEE YOU'VE COME TO DO BATTLE AGAIN TODAY.
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WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT HORRORS I HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU.
BUWHA—HAHAHA!!!
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CAN ALL PRINTERS TALK?
HOW WOULD I KNOW? DO YOU THINK I KNOW ALL THE OTHER PRINTERS?

Gil Thorp By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin

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A 70-FOOT BANK SHOT? TOUGH WAY TO LOSE A BET. BUT SOME PEOPLE...
...WOULD MAYBE TAKE THAT AS A HINT.
ARE YOU KIDDING? IT WAS A TOTAL FLUKE!
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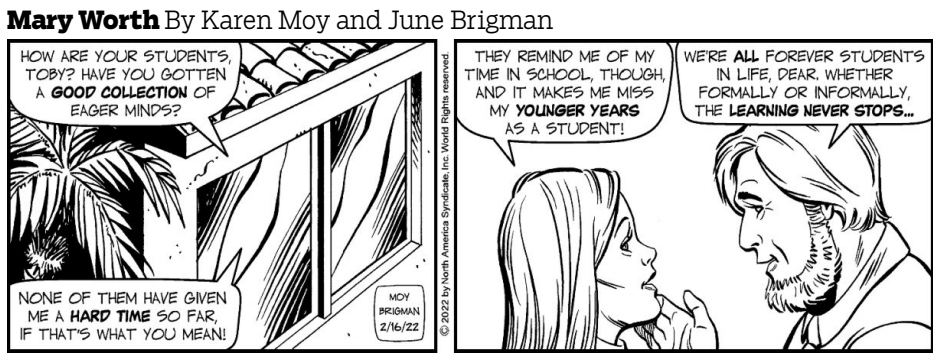
RUBIN & WHIGHAM
YOU ALL KNOW CAMI OCHOA. SHE'S BEEN CRUSHING IT ON JAYVEES—SO WELCOME HER TO VARSITY!

Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman


HOW ARE YOUR STUDENTS, TOBY? HAVE YOU GOTTEN A GOOD COLLECTION OF EAGER MINDS?
NONE OF THEM HAVE GIVEN ME A HARD TIME SO FAR, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN!
MOY BRIGMAN 2/16/22
THEY REMIND ME OF MY TIME IN SCHOOL, THOUGH, AND IT MAKES ME MISS MY YOUNGER YEARS AS A STUDENT!
WE'RE ALL FOREVER STUDENTS IN LIFE, DEAR. WHETHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY, THE LEARNING NEVER STOPS...
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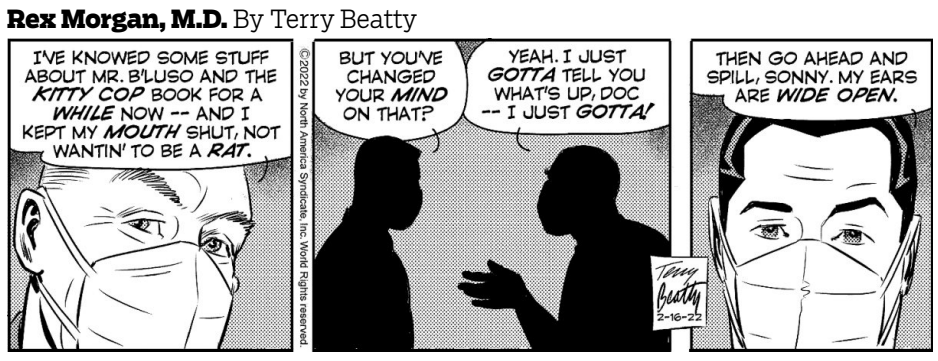
Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty


I'VE KNOWED SOME STUFF ABOUT MR. B'LUSO AND THE KITTY COP BOOK FOR A WHILE NOW -- AND I KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT, NOT WANTIN' TO BE A RAT.
BUT YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR MIND ON THAT?
YEAH. I JUST GOTTA TELL YOU WHAT'S UP, DOC -- I JUST GOTTA!
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Terry Beatty 2-16-22
THEN GO AHEAD AND SPILL, SONNY. MY EARS ARE WIDE OPEN.

Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley

MOM...I NEED TO TALK WITH YOU...
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BUT FIRST I NEED MY PHONE. MY ACTUAL PHONE.
MARCIULIANO + MANLEY 2/16

Baldo By Cantu and Castellanos

HA! MY ANSWER TO THIS IS SO ICONIC!
YOU DO REALIZE YOU'RE USING THAT WORD INCORRECTLY.
LABELING ANY OLD THING AS 'ICONIC' MAKES THE WORD MEANINGLESS, LOWERS STANDARDS AND ELEVATES TRIVIAL RUBBISH.
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YOU ARE LITERALLY SO WRONG.
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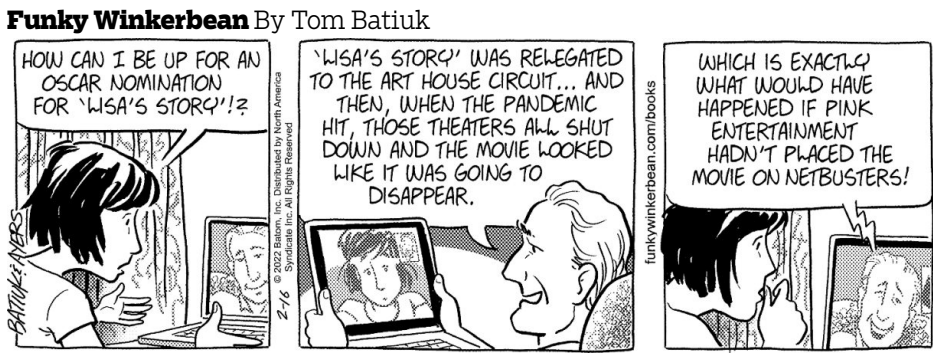
Funky Winkerbean By Tom Batiuk


HOW CAN I BE UP FOR AN OSCAR NOMINATION FOR 'WISA'S STORY'!?
BATIUK ♦ MERS
'WISA'S STORY' WAS RELEGATED TO THE ART HOUSE CIRCUIT... AND THEN, WHEN THE PANDEMIC HIT, THOSE THEATERS ALL SHUT DOWN AND THE MOVIE LOOKED LIKE IT WAS GOING TO DISAPPEAR.
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funkywinkerbean.com/books
WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF PINK ENTERTAINMENT HADN'T PLACED THE MOVIE ON NETBUSTERS!

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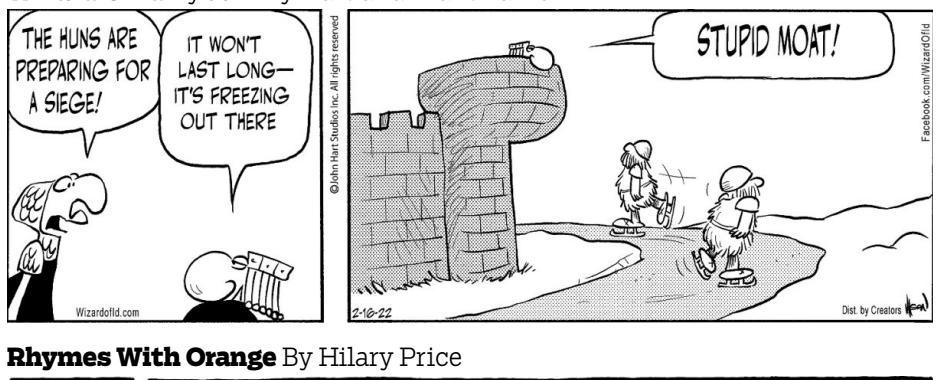
Wizard Of Id By Johnny Hart and Brant Parker



Rhymes With Orange By Hilary Price

THE VILLAGE
Haven't we been battered enough?
I'M TIRED OF WEARING IT, TOO. IS THERE NO END TO THIS MARZIPANDEMIC.?
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Monty By Jim Meddick

HMM...LET'S SEE...OK...
THIS ONE... RIGHT HERE.
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THIS ONE IS.
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BAM BAM BAM
YEP... RASPBERRY PARFAIT...
AND I TAKE IT YOU DON'T LIKE THAT FLAVOR...
IF YOU THINK THIS WAS ROUGH, YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT I DO WITH TH' MOLASSES CHEWS...
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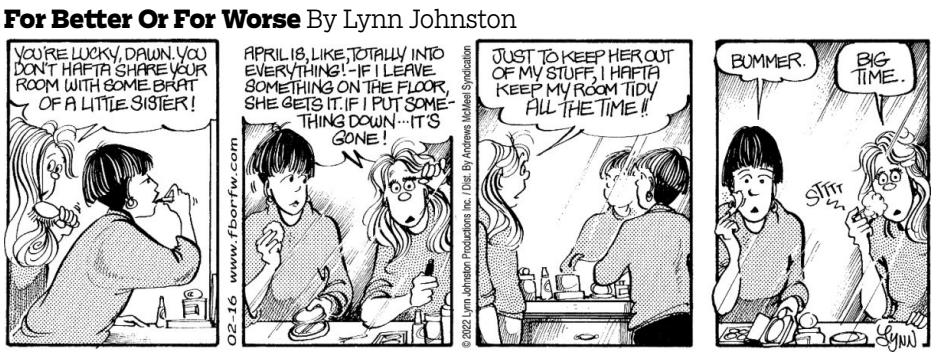
For Better Or For Worse By Lynn Johnston


YOU'RE LUCKY, DAWN. YOU DON'T HAFTA SHARE YOUR ROOM WITH SOME BRAT OF A LITTLE SISTER!
APRIL IS, LIKE, TOTALLY INTO EVERYTHING! - IF I LEAVE SOMETHING ON THE FLOOR, SHE GETS IT. IF I PUT SOMETHING DOWN... IT'S GONE!
JUST TO KEEP HER OUT OF MY STUFF, I HAFTA KEEP MY ROOM TIDY ALL THE TIME!!
BUMMER.
BIG TIME.
SIGH
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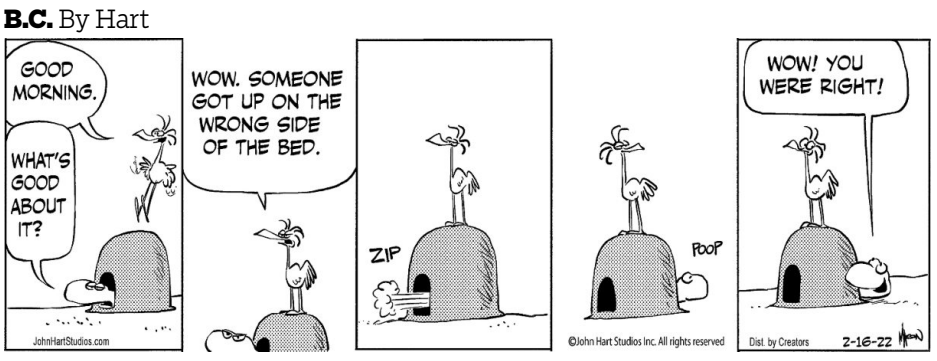
B.C. By Hart



Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker

I SEE YOU UP THERE, BEETLE!
SOME HIDING PLACES JUST DON'T WORK IN THE WINTER
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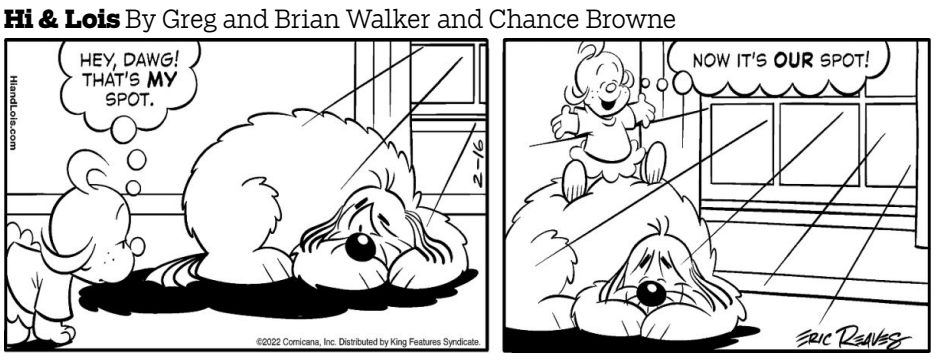
Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne

STATUS REPORT, BOSS! THREE CREW MEMBERS MISSING AFTER YESTERDAY'S BATTLE!
HOW MANY MISSING AFTER LAST NIGHT'S DINNER?
DO I HAVE TO ANSWER THAT?
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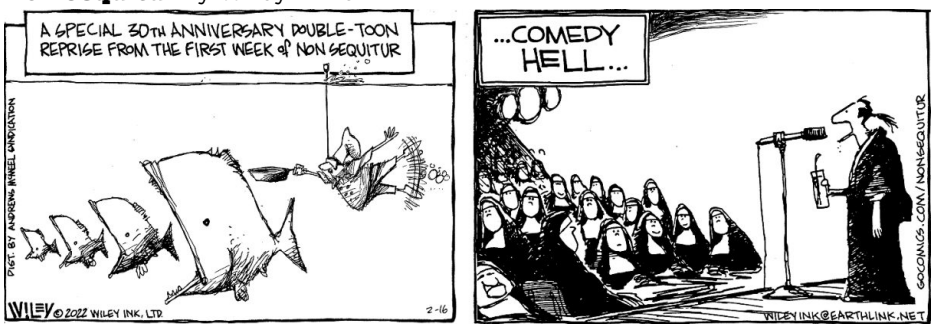
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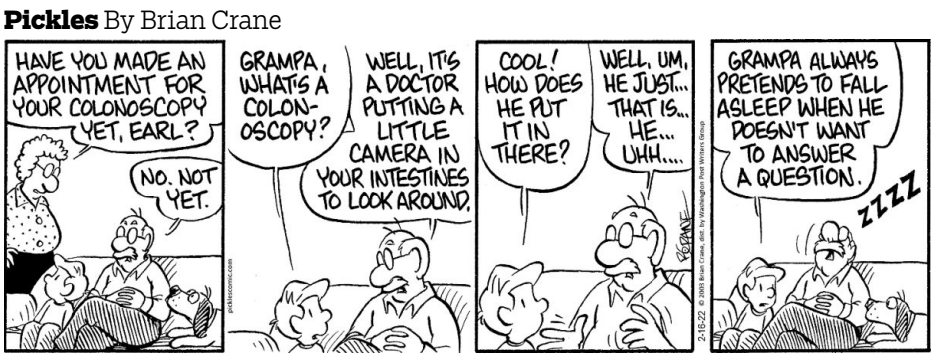
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NO. NOT YET.
GRAMPA, WHAT'S A COLON-OSCOPY?
WELL, IT'S A DOCTOR PUTTING A LITTLE CAMERA IN YOUR INTESTINES TO LOOK AROUND.
COOL! HOW DOES HE PUT IT IN THERE?
WELL, UM, HE JUST... THAT IS... HE... UHH....
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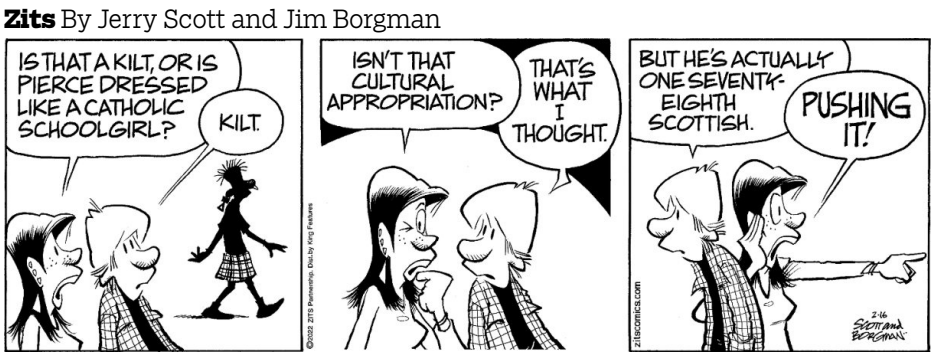
IS THAT A KILT, OR IS PIERCE DRESSED LIKE A CATHOLIC SCHOOLGIRL?
KILT.
ISN'T THAT CULTURAL APPROPRIATION?
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
BUT HE'S ACTUALLY ONE SEVENTY-EIGHTH SCOTTISH.
PUSHING IT!
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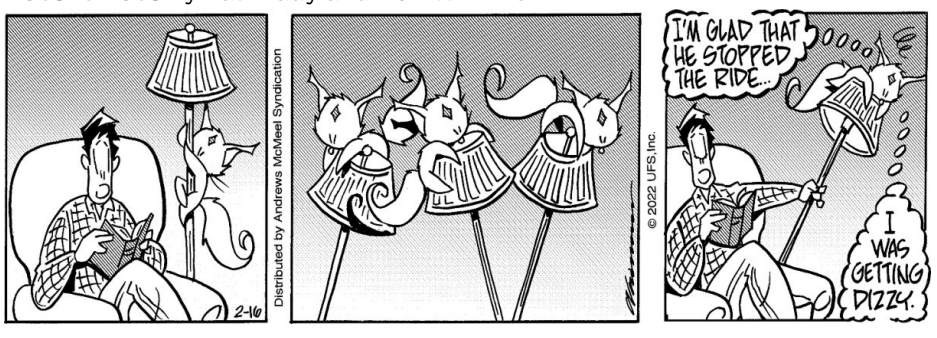

Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters

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THIS ARTICLE GUARANTEES TO ELIMINATE FACE WRINKLES
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...DON'T WEAR YOUR GLASSES WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR
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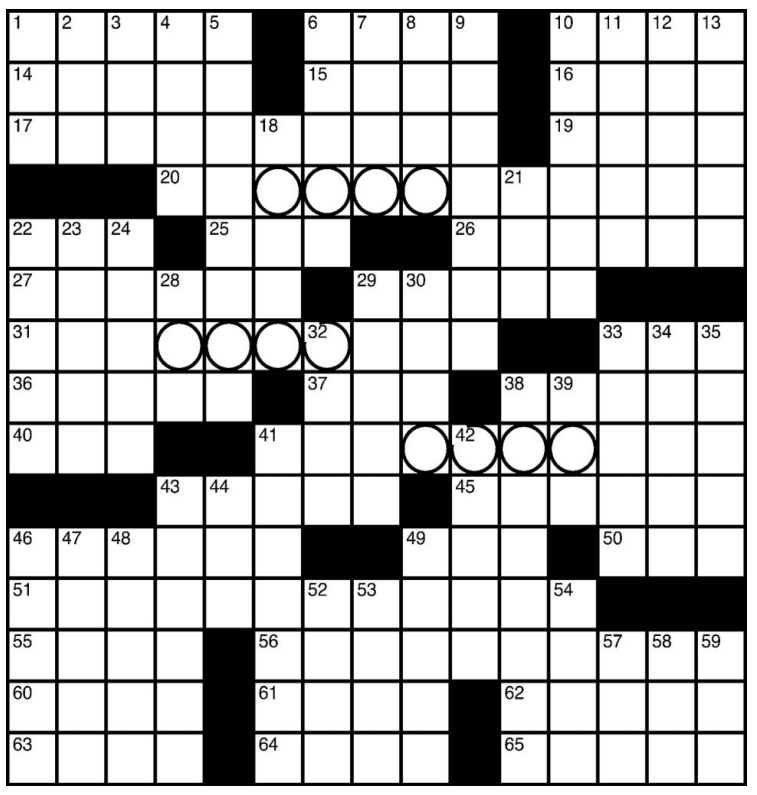
1 Bare-bones
6 Out of concern that
10 Distance runner's concern
14 Early Greek public space
15 Excessively: Pref.
16 Aerosol target
17 Mall map clarification
19 Half a patio pair
20 Cuban missile crisis strategy
22 Uncertainties
25 Even the queen, in chess
26 Beat in a hot dog contest
27 Like nobility
29 Slow movement
31 Web app for the latest
33 What 15 U.S. presidents formerly were, briefly
36 Son of Chinga-chgook, in a Cooper novel
37 Be in the red
38 Hustle
40 Shaggy pack animal
41 Pre-wedding show
43 Frequents dive bars, say
45 Pretentious type
46 Key participant
49 NBA tiebreakers
50 Water holder
51 Salad dressing brand ... and what each set of circles reveals
55 Opposed to, in dialect
56 Start of a proverb for which Ben Franklin is credited
60 It's about a foot
61 "Star Trek: T.N.G." counselor
62 Do away with
63 Online craft shop
64 Newcastle's river
65 Summer Triangle star

Down

1 __ window
2 Before now
3 Thing of little worth
4 Turkey neighbor
5 Whitman's Sampler choices
6 "Freaky Friday" actress Lindsay
7 First name in daredevilry
8 Saharan
9 Shakes
10 One may be sweet
11 Love to death
12 __ line
13 Cereal killer
18 Artfully escape
21 Listening device
22 Company's tech guru
23 "Shrek" princess
24 Keep in the supply room
28 NYC airport on Flushing Bay
29 Civil rights legend John
30 Blown away
32 What do you expect?
33 Put out
34 __ New Guinea
35 Perfect thing that's not beneficial
38 Like idiomatic skeletons
39 Tom, Dick and Harry
41 TV host/comedian with 23 Emmy nominations
42 In a suitable manner
43 New South Wales capital
44 Jeans brand
46 Part of a process
47 __-year
48 "So long, amigo"
49 Skateboard move
52 Fluctuate
53 "East of Eden" twin
54 Bygone days
57 Stop legally
58 Austin-to-Houston dir.
59 Star of the ball



By George Jasper — Tribune Content Agency 2/16/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 5 3
♥ K J
♦ K Q J 9
♣ Q J 10 4

WEST
♠ K Q 9 7 4
♥ 6 3
♦ 7 2
♣ 9 5 3 2

EAST
♠ A 8 6 2
♥ 8 7 5 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ 8 7

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ A Q 10 9 2
♦ 10 8 5 3
♣ A K 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥			

Opening lead — king of spades.

A precautionary measure

It is normal for suits not to break as well as declarer would like them to. However, there are many countermeasures a declarer can employ to overcome an unfavorable division in a key suit, so a substantial part of his thinking should be devoted to seeking a solution to such a problem.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of spades against four hearts and continues with a low spade to East's ace. Declarer ruffs, and, whether or not he is aware of it, he is now at the critical point of the play.

Let's say he decides to draw the opposing trumps at this stage, as many players would do. Because of the 4-2 trump division, South is forced to exhaust his remaining trumps in the process.

The best declarer can do after this is to cash his four club tricks and lead a diamond. This gets him nowhere when East takes his ace of diamonds and returns a spade, whereupon West cashes two spade tricks to put the contract down one.

But if declarer appreciates at the outset that — in accordance with percentages — the opponents' trumps are more likely to be divided 4-2 (48%) than 3-3 (36%), he makes the contract simply by leading a diamond to the jack at trick three. If East ducks the jack, declarer draws trump and cashes his clubs to secure 10 tricks.

So let's assume East wins the diamond and returns a spade. In that case, South discards a diamond in order to guard against a 4-2 trump division.

West wins the spade with the queen — it is the third trick for the defense — but is then helpless. If he leads another spade, it can be ruffed in dummy, while any other return also gives South the rest of the tricks.

Tomorrow: The telltale heart.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FLEAB

RLTUB

UPNATE

CLPEAA

Why aren't you flying away?
It's gonna take more than some old cat to get me in the air.
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THE BIRD THAT DIDN'T FLY AWAY IN THE FACE OF DANGER WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GIZMO AFTER JOGGER RELENT
Answer: Sasquatch prints had been found in the snow, and the TV news crew got some — FOOTAGE

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TODAY'S SUDOKU

2	6							
		9			1	4		7
5		7						8
4			1		9		5	
			2		4			
	9		8		3			1
7						2		9
1		4	9			5		
							8	

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

2	5	4	3	7	1	9	8	6
6	8	7	5	9	4	2	3	1
9	3	1	8	2	6	7	4	5
8	2	9	6	5	3	4	1	7
7	4	6	9	1	8	5	2	3
5	1	3	2	4	7	6	9	8
3	7	2	1	6	9	8	5	4
4	9	8	7	3	5	1	6	2
1	6	5	4	8	2	3	7	9

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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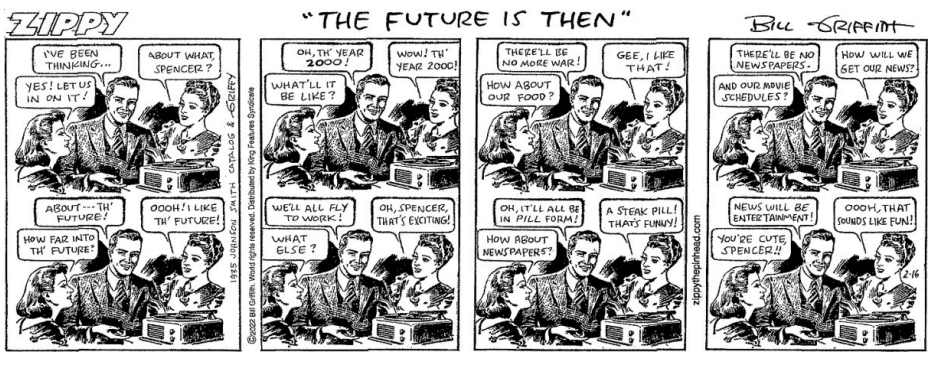
ZIPPY
"THE FUTURE IS THEN"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'VE BEEN THINKING...
ABOUT WHAT, SPENCER?
YES! LET US IN ON IT!
OH, TH' YEAR 2000!
WOW! TH' YEAR 2000!
WHAT'LL IT BE LIKE?
THERE'LL BE NO MORE WAR!
GEE, I LIKE THAT!
HOW ABOUT OUR FOOD?
THERE'LL BE NO NEWSPAPERS.
HOW WILL WE GET OUR NEWS?
AND OUR MOVIE SCHEDULES?
ABOUT---TH' FUTURE!
OOOH! I LIKE TH' FUTURE!
WE'LL ALL FLY TO WORK!
OH, SPENCER, THAT'S EXCITING!
WHAT ELSE?
OH, IT'LL ALL BE IN PILL FORM!
A STEAK PILL! THAT'S FUNNY!
HOW ABOUT NEWSPAPERS?
NEWS WILL BE ENTERTAINMENT!
OOOH, THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
HOW FAR INTO TH' FUTURE?
YOU'RE CUTE SPENCER!!
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‘Don’t Say Gay’ bill a hateful embarrassment

Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act

Equality Florida, a group that advocates for LGBTQ civil rights, called the “Don’t Say Gay” bill “dangerous.” **DREAMSTIME**

When I read about the “Don’t Say Gay” bill making its way through the Florida Legislature, I thought about Ryan Camacho.

Camacho was a freshman at Chesterton High School last April when three teachers were told by administrators to remove the pride and Black Lives Matter flags they hung in their classrooms, arguing they were unrelated to curriculum.

Students at the Indiana school staged a walkout when the flags came down. A group of parents, students and alumni started a Facebook group called More Inclusive Chesterton. Two hundred or so people held a rally outside the school before the monthly school board meeting, and after the school board completed its regular agenda, parents and students took turns defending the flags and calling for their return.

That’s how I met Camacho.

“If I didn’t have this one teacher to go to after everything that happened to me in middle school, I really would have ended my life a while ago,” he told me after the meeting. “I hate saying that because it means I let insignificant people get in my head 24/7. I regret ever coming up with the idea. But it’s true.”

He said he contemplated suicide in eighth grade to escape the homophobic harassment and bullying at school until a friend, a seventh-grader, introduced him to a math teacher he didn’t know.

She had a pride flag hanging in her classroom.

“I immediately felt welcome,” Camacho said. “I didn’t even have to say a word to her and I knew she was there for me.”

Under the bill that just cleared a Florida Senate committee, after passing a Florida House committee in January, Florida school districts “may not encourage classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grade levels or in a manner that is not age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students.”

“Age-appropriate” and “developmentally appropriate” aren’t defined. Parents can sue if they believe a school has violated any portion of the law, which critics are calling the “Don’t Say Gay” bill.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis defended the bill at an unrelated event Feb. 7.

“We’ve seen instances of students being told by different folks in school, ‘Oh, don’t worry, don’t pick your gender yet. Do all this other stuff,’ ” DeSantis said. “They won’t tell the parents about these discussions that are happening. That is entirely inappropriate.”

“Schools need to be teaching kids to read, to write,” he said. “They need to teach them science, history. We need more civics and understanding of the U.S. Constitution, what makes our country unique.”

As though the two — academics and humanity — can’t coexist. As though they’re unrelated. As though our humanity isn’t the entire point.

Our humanity is the entire point.

Equality Florida, a group that advocates for LGBTQ civil rights, called the bill “dangerous.”

“This legislation is meant to stigmatize LGBTQ people, isolate LGBTQ kids, and make teachers fearful of providing a safe, inclusive classroom,” the group said in a statement. “The existence of LGBTQ students and parents is not a taboo topic that has to be regulated by the Florida Legislature.”

I posed a question on Facebook recently asking if anyone wanted to comment about a time when an adult affirmed their humanity at school. I wanted a sense of the role that school plays in shaping a kid’s sense of safety, worth, belonging, mattering.

Immediately I started to receive direct messages, emails and comments about the power of even one safe, trusted ally at school.

A mom who cherished her son’s teacher sending him home with two Mother’s Day projects — one for her; one for her wife. The dad of a nonbinary high schooler who breathed a sigh of relief when teachers used his child’s proper pronouns during teacher conferences. An English teacher who wears a rainbow “Love to all” sweatshirt on Fridays and has had multiple students come out to her. Her colleagues who place rainbow flag stickers on their laptops or iPads. “Nonverbal cues,” she called them.

“A lot of students don’t have that love and acceptance at home,” Ava Madigan, a Chesterton Middle School student who helped organize last year’s walkout, told me at the time. “A lot of students like to escape from that harsh reality at school.”

Melissa Arkin teaches middle school Spanish in Skokie, Illinois. She wrote to tell me she and her colleagues work to make their classrooms safe and affirming for all kids. I asked her why.

“My son came out to me when he was 8,” she replied. “Two things are striking about that: 1. He could self-identify and 2. He felt safe letting me know. Kids go through so much, especially with this pandemic on top of everything. I need all kids to know they’re important and valued and worthy. It’s what they deserve.

“We brought them into this world and have a responsibility to help them be as great as they can be, which would be impossible if they feel less than or worse,” Arkin continued. “I’ve had students that have killed themselves and it’s beyond devastating. If only one child can be saved, it’s totally worth it.”

I hope Florida lawmakers will come to their senses and vote down this hateful bill.

We’re asking enough of educators right now without also threatening to sue them if they acknowledge the existence and humanity of all their students. We’re asking enough of kids right now without also asking them to hide their full identity all day, every day, inside one the most formative spaces of their lives.

We’re capable of making room for kids to value themselves and each other, to acknowledge and celebrate and honor diversity, to lead with love — even as they learn all the stuff they get graded on. If we fail at that, we really are missing the point.

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METS

Former ace Harvey unloads bombshells in testimony

Star admits to cocaine use, providing drugs to late pitcher Skaggs

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

Matt Harvey had a very tough day on Tuesday.

The former Mets star admitted to partying with cocaine while in New York, and sharing Percocets with Tyler Skaggs in the Angels' clubhouse, while testifying in the trial against former Angels communications boss Eric Kay. Kay is accused of providing the drugs that led to Skaggs' overdose death on July 1, 2019.

Harvey, 32, was subpoenaed and granted immunity in exchange for his cooperation, per ESPN investigative reporter T.J. Quinn who was in the Texas courtroom for Tuesday's explosive testimony.

In total, four players (Harvey, CJ Cron, Mike Morin and Cam Bedrosian) testified they received opioids from Kay while they were playing for the Angels. Major League Baseball did not start testing for cocaine or opioids until after Skaggs' death.

Harvey spent the 2019 season with the Angels as he tried to recapture the form that made him an All-Star — and a cult hero — in the Big Apple.

Turn to Harvey, Page 2

UConn's Isaiah Whaley (5) reacts after being fouled on his way to the basket during the second half against St. John's on Sunday in New York. The Huskies won 63-60. SETH WENIG/AP

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies enter stretch run

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

Isaiah Whaley can feel the clock ticking on his collegiate career.

He knows the time is now to showcase what he and the rest of the UConn basketball team are made of.

As the No. 24 Huskies face Seton Hall at Gampel Pavilion on Wednesday night, it's an opportunity for redemption after a 90-87 loss to the Pirates on Jan. 8.

With six Big East games left in the regular season, UConn coach Dan Hurley still wants his team to reach the next level.

"We've played top-25 level basketball," he said. "This year we are in a good spot. Can we take it to another level? Can we take that next step as a program and become more like an elite team? It's hard. Gampel is not going to win these games for us. We're playing two NCAA caliber top-25 level opponents this week [Seton Hall and Xavier on Saturday], whether they are ranked or not. We know how brutal this league is this year."

Whaley had 11 points, seven rebounds, three steals and five blocks in the St. John's game. Hurley praised his recent play.

"The best version of (Whaley) is inspiring," he said. "What he did the other night, he's got to do that every single night. He's at the end of his career at UConn and we want fans to remember him."

Whaley knows how much the next couple of games could matter in his legacy and UConn's season as a whole.

"It's coming down to the end

Turn to UConn, Page 4

Up next

Seton Hall at UConn
8:30 p.m., CBSSN

■ **Inside:** UConn men, women invited to play in 2022 Phil Knight tournaments. **Page 4**

BASEBALL

MacKenzie came out a winner with loveable losers, the '62 Mets

Dom Amore

GUILFORD — The magazine was slipped across the kitchen table. Ken MacKenzie picked it up and stared at it smiling and chuckling.

"We thought he was an old man," MacKenzie said as craggy Casey Stengel stared back from the cover of the Sports Illustrated dated March 5, 1962. "Casey knew what was going on. There were no flies on Casey."

Sixty years ago this week, MacKenzie reported to St. Petersburg, Florida, for spring training, the first ever for the new National League franchise in New York. Stengel, lured out of retirement to manage a collection of castoffs, has-beens and never-to-be noteworthy ballplayers, lifted his bat and pointed to first base. The Mets' pitchers and catchers followed.

"Them's the bases," he said.

"He was putting on a show," MacKenzie said. "He took us to first base, and we went around, first base, second base. We got to third base, and he

Turn to Amore, Page 2

WINTER OLYMPICS COMMENTARY

"To be honest, I almost don't believe what I'm seeing, seeing her on Olympic ice right now with everything we've discovered this past week. ... I don't think this should be happening."

— NBC commentator and former Olympic gold medalist Tara Lipinski, on Kamila Valieva

Kamila Valieva, of the Russian Olympic Committee, skates in the women's short program Tuesday in Beijing. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

A CRACK IN THE ICE

There's no way to spin it: Valieva episode a sad day for figure skating

WINTER OLYMPICS AT A GLANCE
A look at top results and news from the Beijing Games.

MEDAL LEADERS (as of 10 p.m. ET Tuesday)

Country	G	S	B	Tot
Norway	12	7	7	26
Russian Olympic Committee	4	7	9	20
Germany	9	6	3	18
United States	7	6	4	17
Canada	2	4	11	17

HIGHLIGHTS

■ On Tuesday, Mikaela Shiffrin, right, finished 18th in the women's downhill, an event she had never competed in at the Olympics. She's 0-for-4 in Beijing but plans to ski in two more races.

■ Russian 15-year-old Kamila Valieva leads the women's figure skating competition after the short program.

■ Germany posted the first podium sweep by a nation in any Olympic bobsled race, claiming all three medals in the two-man event.

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LUCA BRUNO/AP

By Tara Sullivan
Boston Globe

Women's figure skating has earned its place as a signature event of the Winter Olympics, anticipated for all the beauty and drama inherent in its demanding test of skill and grace, of talent and style. With daring jumps and dizzying spins, with elegant extensions and flexible poses, ice skaters have captivated our imaginations with everything from the elegance of a Dorothy Hamill to the athleticism of a Surya Bonaly.

What the sport doesn't need is off-the-ice drama, but that's all there was as the women's short program got underway Tuesday morning in Beijing. That's what happens when the powers that be don't have the guts to stand up for what is right, when those in charge don't have the courage to punish those who cheat, when international alphabet-soup agencies refuse to recognize the obvious unfairness in allowing someone to compete despite her having tested positive for a banned substance.

The customary celebration of such a popular night of skating was instead wrapped in a cloak of sadness, with scenes from Beijing unavoidably framed by the presence of Russian 15-year-old Kamila Valieva, who skated despite testing positive for a banned substance.

The clouds of suspicion hung heavy over Capital Indoor Stadium, and will continue to weigh down a competition that the IOC already declared will not have a medal ceremony should Valieva make the podium (all but

Turn to Skating, Page 4

Safety Tip of the Day

The easiest way to childproof a hearth is to use a fireplace fence. A fireproof fence will stop your baby from playing with the fireplace or tripping and falling against the hearth edge.

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

UConn MBB: Seton Hall (Gampel), Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Xavier (Gampel), Saturday, noon; Villanova (XL), Tuesday, 8 p.m.
UConn WBB: at Xavier, Friday, 7 p.m.; Georgetown (XL), Sunday, 2 p.m.; Marquette (XL), Feb. 23, 7 p.m.
Celtics: Pistons, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Nets, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.; at Pistons, Feb. 26, noon
Knicks: Nets, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Heat, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.; 76ers, Feb. 27, 1 p.m.
Nets: at Knicks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Wizards, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Celtics, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: UMass, Friday, 7 p.m.; at UMass, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; at Northeastern, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.
Bruins: at Islanders, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; at Senators, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Avalanche, Monday, 1 p.m.
Rangers: Red Wings, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Senators, Sunday, 5 p.m.; Capitals, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Bridgeport, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Springfield, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
8 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Bluegreen Vacations Duel 1 At DAYTONA, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m.: St. John's at Xavier. (Live) CBSSN
7 p.m.: Georgia at LSU. (Live) SEC
7 p.m.: Mississippi State at Alabama. (Live) ESPN2
7 p.m.: Boston College at Notre Dame. (Live) ESPNU
7:30 p.m.: Nets at Knicks. (Live), ESPN, YES
7:30 p.m.: Pistons at Celtics. (Live), NBCSB
8 p.m.: Pittsburgh at North Carolina. (Live) ACC
8:30 p.m.: College: Seton Hall at UConn. (Live), CBSSN
9 p.m.: Vanderbilt at Auburn. (Live) SEC
9 p.m.: Baylor at Texas Tech. (Live) ESPN2
9 p.m.: SMU at Temple. (Live) ESPNU
10 p.m.: Boise State at Air Force. (Live) FS1
10:05 p.m.: Jazz at Lakers. (Live) ESPN
10:30 p.m.: UNLV at Fresno State. (Live) CBSSN
11 p.m.: Gonzaga at Pepperdine. (Live) ESPN2
HOCKEY
7 p.m.: Wild at Jets. (Live) SPRTNET
7:30 p.m.: Panthers at Hurricanes. (Live) TNT
10 p.m.: Avalanche at Golden Knights. (Live) TNT
OLYMPICS
6 a.m.: Cross-Country Skiing. (Live) USA
6:30 a.m.: Short Track. (Live) USA
8:30 a.m.: Men's Hockey, Fourth Quarterfinal - Sweden vs TBA. (Live) USA
11 a.m.: Biathlon. (Same-day Tape) USA
12 p.m.: Freestyle Skiing. (Same-day Tape) USA
1 p.m.: Women's Hockey, Bronze Medal Game - Switzerland vs Finland. (Same-day Tape) USA
2 p.m.: Biathlon, Cross-Country. (Same-day Tape) NBC
3 p.m.: Men's Curling - Great Britain vs ROC. (Same-day Tape) USA
5 p.m.: Women's Curling - Japan vs U.S. (Same-day Tape) CNBC
8 p.m.: Freestyle Skiing, Short Track, Alpine Skiing. (Live) NBC
8 p.m.: Men's Curling - Denmark vs U.S. (Live) CNBC
8:30 p.m.: Freestyle Skiing. (Live) USA
10:30 p.m.: Freestyle Skiing. (Live) USA
11:05 p.m.: Women's Hockey, Gold Medal Game - Canada vs U.S. (Live) NBC
11:30 p.m.: Freestyle Skiing. (Live) USA
1 a.m.: Alpine Skiing. (Live) USA
1:55 a.m.: Freestyle Skiing. (Same-day Tape) USA
3 a.m.: Nordic Combined. (Live) USA
3:40 a.m.: Speed Skating. (Live) USA
5 a.m.: Figure Skating. (Live) USA

Harvey

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Harvey, a native of New London, Conn., who starred at Fitch High, gave several illuminating answers that he acknowledged will likely wreck his public image. In addition to his cocaine use and sharing drugs with Skaggs, Harvey admitted trying oxycodone in 2019 and doing drugs in clubhouses and dugouts. The Angels general manager at the time, Billy Eppler, is the new man in charge of the Mets.

The pitcher said that he began discussing drugs with Skaggs in spring training before the 2019 season. He also said that Kay was the one typically supplying Skaggs with drugs.

"We had talked about different experiences," Harvey said, as reported by ESPN. "Whether it was partying or being injured or surgeries or what not."

Both Skaggs and Harvey underwent Tommy John surgeries during their careers, and Harvey had a subsequent surgery for thoracic outlet syndrome in 2016.

Harvey also testified that when he tried oxycodone in 2019, he got it from Skaggs but didn't like the way it made him feel.

With the Mets, Harvey says his partying came in the form of cocaine. When pressed about his cocaine use in New York, and whether he lied about it, Harvey said "no one really asked," according to ESPN.

A Mets spokesman declined comment to the Daily News on Harvey's testimony.

Dubbed the 'Dark Knight of Gotham' in a 2013 Sports Illustrated cover story, Harvey's star burned very briefly but very bright when he was with the Mets. In his first ever start in 2012, he struck out 11 Diamondbacks, setting a franchise record for most strikeouts in a debut. The next season, Harvey unquestionably became one of the game's best pitchers, even earning a stamp of approval from Dwight Gooden, who called him "the real deal." Harvey started the 2013 All-Star Game in front of his home crowd at Citi Field, finished the season with a 2.27 ERA and 191 strikeouts in 178.1 innings, and placed fourth in Cy Young voting.

Had that season not been cut short by the ligament tear that necessitated Tommy John surgery, he very well might have won the award. Instead, he had to sit out the entire 2014 campaign, returning to the mound in 2015 with an innings limit. That team, of course, ended up going all the way to the World Series, adding an extra dose of innings to his arm.

While his postseason performances will always be remembered for Game 5 of the World Series, when Terry Collins famously sent him out for a ninth inning with a 2-0 lead (KC tied it up and then won in the 12th), Harvey was brilliant during the entire playoff run. He never allowed more than three earned runs in any of his four starts and had shut out the Royals over eight innings when Collins let him go for the complete game.

He also pitched at least twice with a bloody nose, which will certainly raise some eyebrows after the cocaine admission. On May 7, 2013, Harvey's near-perfect game was almost derailed before it even began. On a day that he said was the best he'd felt all year, Harvey overcame a first inning nosebleed and ensuing delay to keep the White Sox from reaching base through the first 6.2 innings. After the game, he said he got nosebleeds often as a kid and blamed dry air for the messy scene. His nose started bleeding again during a start on July 4, 2015 against the Dodgers.

Harvey was never the same after his second major injury — TOS — and pitched his last game for the Mets on May 3, 2018. Prior to that, he had been moved to a bullpen role due his immense struggles. The Mets eventually designated him for assignment, which led to a trade to Cincinnati. He'd pitch 24 games for the Reds (all as a starter) before spending the last three years with the Angels, Royals and Orioles, respectively. He made 28 starts for the Orioles in 2021 and his 6.21 ERA was the highest among any American League pitcher to throw at least 100 innings.

Amore

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told us all the ways you could score a run. He gave us a lesson in baseball.

" ... And little did he know that he *needed* to give us a lesson in baseball."

If not for this contemptable Major League Baseball lockout, pitchers and catchers would be reporting to Florida and Arizona this week. But baseball never had anything quite so joyful as the birth of the New York Mets, now celebrating their 60th anniversary.

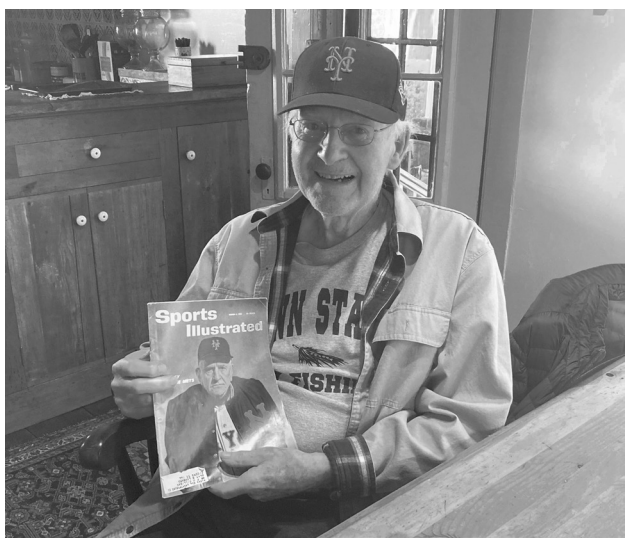
No team has ever lost more games. The 1962 Mets finished 40-120, so deep in the cellar they might've been closer to the other side of the planet, yet they drew 922,530 to the wrecking-ball ready Polo Grounds. There have been more books, documentaries, anecdotes and one-liners written about the '62 Mets — who healed the wounds left by the removal of the Dodgers and Giants to California five years earlier — than most championship teams.

MacKenzie, 87, a native of Gore Bay, Ontario, who graduated from Yale in 1956, was in the middle of all the good, the bad and, mostly, the laughable. A lefty who wore glasses, he was the only pitcher to post a winning record that season, 5-4 with a 4.95 ERA.

MacKenzie once told Stengel that, at $10,000 per year, he was the lowest paid member of Yale's Class of '56. "But you had the highest ERA," Stengel fired back with flawless timing.

"He was very friendly toward me," MacKenzie said. "I had played for Chuck Dressen [with the Braves] and he would say, 'I could see that, I didn't have to go college.' But Casey was just the other way. I was his 'Yale man.' He was happy to have somebody like me and Jay Hook [who went to Northwestern]."

George Weiss, the GM who built the Yankees postwar dynasty, and Stengel, his manager for 10 World Series appearances and seven championships between 1949-60, had both been pressured into retirement in 1960. When the Mets were created, Weiss was hired. He convinced Stengel, 71, to join him in the new venture. They acquired two dozen players left exposed by established NL teams in an expansion draft. The first two they acquired after the draft were Johnny Antonelli, an ex-Giants World Series hero, and MacKenzie, both lefty pitchers. Antonelli decided to retire.



Ken MacKenzie, 87, of Guilford, holds copy of Sports Illustrated, dated March 5, 1962, featuring Mets manager Casey Stengel. MacKenzie was an original Met, the only pitcher to post a winning record on one of the worst teams in baseball history. **DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT**

Manager Casey Stengel (37) directs his 1962 Mets to the field on first day of spring training. He gave them a tour of bases with basic instruction. "Little did he know, he needed give us a lesson about baseball," pitcher Ken MacKenzie says. **AP FILE**

"If he didn't, it might've been the last you heard of me," MacKenzie said. "They were trying to get as many old Dodgers and Giants as they could."

One day, MacKenzie and his best buddy, infielder Rod Kanehl, found themselves playing cards with a couple of aging ex-Dodger sluggers.

"Rod could see the humor in just about anything," MacKenzie said. "One day we were playing bridge against Gil Hodges and Duke Snider, and Hot Rod just started laughing. I asked him what he was laughing about. He said, 'MacKenzie, look around. What the hell are *we* doing here, playin' bridge with two of the best hitters in the game?' "

There were also Hall of Famers on the coaching staff, including pitching coach Red Ruffing and hitting coach Rogers Hornsby, one of the greatest hitters and notoriously surly players of the century. One day, as pitchers took their hacks, Hornsby called MacKenzie over.

"He said, 'You know, MacKenzie, you're not a bad hitter, you put the bat on the ball," MacKenzie said. "And usually, he didn't talk to anybody. If he didn't think you could hit, that was hit."

MacKenzie got one hit in 11 at-bats, an RBI single in one of his wins, at St. Louis on July 28.

The Mets first baseman, Marv Throneberry, was sarcastically called "Marvelous Marv," because he was a so-so hitter, less than so-so fielder and prone to mistakes that drove Stengel crazy. MacKenzie remembered Hall of Famer Richie Ashburn, the lone All-Star on the '62 Mets, walking across the clubhouse to give Throneberry a pep talk.

"Marv was complaining one day about what they were writing about him, that he could foul up anything," MacKenzie said. "And Richie said, 'Marv, you don't understand what's happening here. *They love you.* Keep it up. And he was right, they made a hero out of him."

Decades later, Throneberry was still poking fun at himself in beer commercials and cashing checks.

Ashburn also had praise, sort of, for MacKenzie. "Richie told me once, 'When I first saw you I said there goes the next Whitey Ford,' " MacKenzie said. "'That shows you how much I know about this bleeping game.' "

Weiss looked for pull hitters, because the Polo Grounds had ridiculously short fences in the right and left field corners and a cavernous center field of nearly 500 feet. Those bleachers were unreachable during the decades the Giants played home games there, but against '62 Mets pitching, Lou Brock and Hank Aaron reached them on consecutive June nights. Two of MacKenzie's pals, Hook and Al Jackson, gave up those rockets. Brock's homer came in the first game of a double header on June 17, a game in which Throneberry was called for obstructing a runner in the first inning and called out in the seventh for missing first base on a would-be triple.

It was later determined he also missed second.

MacKenzie laments he might've been a better major leaguer if he hadn't been so stubborn, relying so heavily on his fastball, which he threw with excellent accuracy. "I threw too many strikes," he said.

He pitched 80 innings, walked 34 and struck out 51. Most of MacKenzie's victories were what ballplayers called "vulture wins." He entered the game at the right time, just before the Mets staged a rare comeback, and got the 'W' in the box score. After the season, he began negotiating with the tight-fisted Weiss and asked for a raise from $10,000 to $15,000.

"Weiss said, 'You've got to say a lot of your wins were just lucky,' " MacKenzie said. "And I told him, when you have an infield like we have, you're going to have a big ERA. They didn't get close enough to the ball to make errors."

He settled for $13,750. MacKenzie left he Mets in 1963, later pitching for the Cardinals, Giants and Astros before retiring in 1965. He has not watched much baseball since. He was planning on a career in farming in Ohio but came back to New Haven to coach Yale from 1969-79, and he's lived in the same house near the Guilford Green for more than 50 years.

He is on the list of invitees for the Mets' Old Timers Day Aug. 27, a long abandoned event new owner Steve Cohen is bringing back. And MacKenzie is determined to make it Citi Field to join his former teammates that day. It's a proud, exclusive club, even for a Yale man.

"You see my license plate there?" MacKenzie said pointing out the window. "It says '62 METS."

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RANGERS 2, BRUINS 1 (SO)

Miller, Rangers beat Bruins in a 9-round shootout

By Kevin Paul Dupont
Boston Globe

NEW YORK — K'Andre Miller, New York's ninth shooter in the shootout, swept a doorstep forehander by Jeremy Swayman, handing the Rangers a 2-1 win over the Bruins Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden.

Miller, the last of 18 shooters, beat Swayman at the left post, after initially looking as if he would lift the puck low in the slot and attempt a lacrosse-like shot on the Bruins netminder.

Earlier in the shootout, Jake DeBrusk and Charlie Coyle scored for the Bruins on their first three attempts against goalie Igor Shesterkin. But Mika Zibanejad and Artemi Panarin also scored on the Rangers first three attempts, and it was Coyle's shot that triggered the long succession of shooters until Miller won it.

Stymied by rookie Swayman for the first two periods, the Rangers finally knotted it, 1-1, with Filip Chytil's fifth goal of the season at 6:45 of the third.

Chytil, with room to operate on the right wing, closed into the near circle and snapped off a wrister that Swayman initially stopped. But when the puck squibbed loose in front of the kneeling Swayman, Chytil swooped in for the easy forehand pot into an open right side. All even at 1.

GOLF TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Former champion Johnson returning

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

Dustin Johnson, the sixth-ranked golfer in the world, is returning to the Travelers Championship in 2022.

Johnson, who won the Travelers in 2020, has 24 PGA Tour wins, including two majors. He joins Rory McIlroy, who committed on Feb. 1. The Travelers is set for June 20-26 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell.

"Adding Dustin to the player field is tremendous news for the Travelers Championship," said Andy Bessette, executive vice president and chief administrative officer at Travelers. "When he won two years ago, he became a special part of the tournament's history. He'll always be welcome in Connecticut, and we can't wait to watch Dustin compete again at TPC River Highlands."

Johnson, 37, is currently ranked sixth but has spent 135 weeks at No. 1 during his career. He won the 2020 Travelers by one stroke over Kevin Streelman in a tournament without fans due to the coronavirus pandemic. In November of 2020, Johnson won the Masters, his second major title after winning the U.S. Open in 2016, capping his best year.

He has won at least one tournament in 14 consecutive years, the longest active streak on the PGA Tour. That ties him with Tiger Woods (1996-2009) and Lee Trevino (1968-1981) for the fourth-longest streak, trailing only the 17 straight seasons by Jack Nicklaus (1962-1978) and Arnold Palmer (1955-1971) and a 16-year streak by Billy Casper (1956-1971).

"From winning major titles to being ranked No. 1 in the world, Dustin's accomplishments in golf are among the game's elite," said tournament director Nathan Grube. "He's been one of the PGA Tour's best players throughout his career, and as a former champion here, I know our fans look forward to rooting for him this summer."

CELTICS 135, 76ERS 87

Boston blasts Philly for ninth straight win

By Gary Washburn
Boston Globe

PHILADELPHIA — The Celtics' roll continued Tuesday in Philadelphia, as they jumped out to an 11-2 lead, were up by 27 at the half, and cruised to a 135-87 win, the team's ninth straight victory.

The Celtics spent the third quarter sending a message to their longtime rivals, piling up points while stifling the 76ers on defense. A long 3-pointer from the center circle from Jayson Tatum put the Celtics up, 101-56, with 1:50 left in the third period.

Tatum scored 12 points in the period as the Celtics played with supreme confidence on both sides. Tatum and Jaylen Brown combined for 57 points after three periods as the Celtics were never seriously threatened after a mini Philadelphia run late in the first half.

It was a much-needed performance for the Celtics, who had spent most of their winning streak being inferior teams. Even without James Harden, the 76ers were considered one of the better opponents Boston faced during this run.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	34	22	.607	—
Boston	33	25	.569	2
Toronto	31	25	.554	3
Brooklyn	30	27	.526	4 ½
New York	25	33	.431	10

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	37	20	.649	—
Charlotte	29	29	.500	8 ½
Atlanta	26	30	.464	10 ½
Washington	26	30	.464	10 ½
Orlando	13	46	.220	25

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	37	21	.638	—
Cleveland	35	22	.614	1 ½
Milwaukee	35	23	.603	2
Indiana	19	39	.328	18
Detroit	12	45	.211	24 ½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	40	18	.690	—
Dallas	33	24	.579	6 ½
New Orleans	23	34	.404	16 ½
San Antonio	22	36	.379	18
Houston	15	41	.268	24

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	36	21	.632	—
Denver	32	25	.561	4
Minnesota	30	27	.526	6
Portland	24	34	.414	12 ½
Oklahoma City	18	39	.316	18

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Phoenix	46	10	.821	—
Golden State	42	16	.724	5
L.A. Clippers	29	30	.492	18 ½
L.A. Lakers	26	31	.456	20 ½
Sacramento	22	37	.373	25 ½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Boston at Philadelphia, late
Cleveland at Atlanta, late
Dallas at Miami, late
Charlotte at Minnesota, late
Indiana at Milwaukee, late
Memphis at New Orleans, late
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Orlando, 7p.m.
Brooklyn at New York, 7:30p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:30p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 8p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 8p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 9p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 10p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 103, Detroit 94
Brooklyn 109, Sacramento 85
Oklahoma City 127, New York 123(OT)
New Orleans 120, Toronto 90
Portland 122, Milwaukee 107
Chicago 120, San Antonio 109
Utah 135, Houston 101
Denver 121, Orlando 111
L.A. Clippers 119, Golden State 104

TENNIS

ATP DELRAY BEACH OPEN
At Delray Beach (Fla.) Stadium & Tennis Center, outdoors-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#5 Sebastian Korda d. Thanasi Kokkinakis, 6-4, 6-1.
#7 Adrian Mannarino d. Liam Broady, 6-2, 6-3.
Mitchell Krueger d. Jordan Thompson, 6-2, 6-4.
Denis Istomin d. Sam Querrey, 6-1, 7-6(5).
Marcos Giron d. Tennys Sandgren, 7-5, 6-3.
Stefan Kozlov d. Emilio Gomez, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Jack Sock vs. Daniel Altmaier, late

ATP RIO OPEN
At Jockey Club Brasileiro, Rio de Janeiro, outdoors-Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Federico Coria d. #5 Cristian Garin, 6-2, 6-0.
#6 Lorenzo Sonego d. Lucas Djere, 6-2, 6-0.
#8 Albert Ramos-Vinolas d. Juan Ignacio Londero, 6-3, 6-4.
Fernando Verdasco d. Dusan Lajovic, 7-6(4), 6-3.
Federico Delbonis d Daniel Elahi Galan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Febio Fognini d. Facundo Bagnis, 6-2, 6-4
Thiago Monteiro d. Sebastian Baez, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Franciso Cerundolo vs. Benoit Paire, late

ATP OPEN 13 PROVENCE
At Palais des Sports, Marseille, France, indoors-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Roman Safiullin d. #7Alexei Popyrin, 6-7(5), 6-4, 7-6(3).
Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune d. Zizou Bergs, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Tomas Machac d. Damir Dzumhur, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Pierre-Hugues Herbert d. Mikhail Kukushkin, 7-6(5), 7-5.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga d. Gilles Simon, 6-2, 6-4.
Hugo Gaston d. Corentin Moutet, 6-4, 6-4
Radu Albot d. Dennis Novak, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1

ATP QATAR EXXONMOBIL OPEN
At Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex, Doha, Qatar, outdoors-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#7Alexander Bublik d. Jozef Kovalik, 6-2, 6-4.
Marton Fucsovics d. #8 Lloyd Harris, 6-4, 7-6(4).
Elias Ymer d. Joao Sousa, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Arthur Rinderknech d. Jiri Vesely, 3-6, 7-6(4), 6-4.
Alejandro Davidovich Fokina d. Malek Jaziri, 6-1, 6-3.
Andy Murray d. Taro Daniel, 6-2, 6-2.
Emil Ruusuvuori d. David Goffin, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

DUBAI DUTY FREE CHAMPIONSHIPS
At Aviation Club Tennis Centre, Dubai, U.A.E., outdoors-hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#1 Aryna Sabalenka d. Marta Kostyuk, 6-4, 6-1.
Elena-Gabriela Ruse d. #3 Paula Badosa, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.
#4 Garbine Muguruza d. Katerina Siniakova, 7-6(5), 2-6, 6-2.
#8 Ons Jabeur d. Vera Zvonareva, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.
Marketa Vondrousova d. #9 Danielle Collins, 2-6, 3-0, ret.
#10 Elina Svitolina d. Mayar Sherif, 6-2, 6-3.
Jelena Ostapenko d. Sofia Kenin, 6-1, 6-2
Dayana Yastremska d. Irina-Camelia Begu, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Jil Teichmann d. Elise Mertens, 6-2, 6-4.
Varvara Gracheva d. Ajla Tomljanovic, 6-1, 7-5.
Veronika Kudermetova d. Victoria Azarenka, 6-3, 6-4.

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	25	20	3	2	61	14	63
Liverpool	24	16	6	2	61	19	54
Chelsea	24	13	8	3	48	18	47
West Ham	25	12	5	8	44	33	41
Man United	25	12	7	6	40	34	40
Arsenal	22	12	3	7	34	25	39
Wolverhampton	23	11	4	8	21	17	37
Tottenham	22	11	3	8	28	29	36
Brighton	24	7	12	5	25	23	35
Southampton	24	6	11	7	30	37	29
Leicester	22	7	6	9	36	41	27
Aston Villa	23	8	3	12	31	36	27
Crystal Palace	24	5	11	8	32	35	26
Brentford	25	6	6	13	26	40	24
Leeds	23	5	8	10	27	46	23
Everton	22	6	4	12	28	38	22
Newcastle	23	4	9	10	25	44	21
Norwich	24	4	5	15	14	50	17
Watford	23	4	3	16	23	43	15
Burnley	21	1	11	9	17	29	14

TUESDAY'S RESULT
Manchester United 2, Brighton 0

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
TUESDAY'S FIRST LEG
Paris Saint-Germain 1, Real Madrid 0
Manchester City 5, Sporting Lisbon 0
WEDNESDAY'S FIRST LEG
Inter Milan vs. Liverpool, 3p.m.
RB Salzburg vs. Bayern Munich, 3p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida	47	32	10	5	69	194	139
Tampa Bay	48	31	11	6	68	163	136
Toronto	46	31	12	3	65	167	125
Boston	46	27	16	3	57	135	130
Detroit	50	22	22	6	50	144	174
Ottawa	45	17	24	4	38	122	145
Buffalo	47	15	24	8	38	125	164
Montreal	48	8	33	7	23	106	191
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Pittsburgh	49	30	11	8	68	164	128
Carolina	46	32	11	3	67	161	109
N.Y. Rangers	47	30	13	4	64	145	122
Washington	50	26	15	9	61	162	141
Columbus	46	23	22	1	47	147	167
N.Y. Islanders	42	17	19	6	40	102	116
New Jersey	49	17	27	5	39	143	176
Philadelphia	47	15	24	8	38	118	162

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Colorado	46	34	8	4	72	190	131
Minnesota	44	30	11	3	63	171	128
Nashville	48	28	16	4	60	149	134
St. Louis	46	27	14	5	59	162	129
Dallas	46	25	19	2	52	137	141
Winnipeg	46	20	18	8	48	131	137
Chicago	49	18	24	7	43	120	163
Arizona	48	12	32	4	28	108	180
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	48	28	17	3	59	162	143
Calgary	45	26	13	6	58	152	108
Los Angeles	47	24	16	7	55	136	130
Anaheim	49	23	17	9	55	144	141
Edmonton	46	25	18	3	53	149	147
Vancouver	49	22	21	6	50	126	135
San Jose	47	22	21	4	48	126	145
Seattle	49	16	29	4	36	129	173

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, late
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, late
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, late
St. Louis at Ottawa, late
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, late
Washington at Nashville, late
Columbus at Calgary, late
Dallas at Colorado, late
Edmonton at Los Angeles, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7:30p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30p.m.
Colorado at Vegas, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 7, Detroit 4
Chicago 3, Winnipeg 1
Toronto 6, Seattle 2
Edmonton 3, San Jose 0

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
1. Gonzaga (21-2) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Wednesday.
2. Auburn (23-2) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Wednesday.
3. Arizona (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Thursday.
4. Kentucky (21-4) at #16 Tennessee. Next: vs. #25 Alabama, Saturday.
5. Purdue (22-4) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
6. Kansas (21-4) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
7. Baylor (21-4) did not play. Next: at #11 Texas Tech, Wednesday.
8. Providence (21-2) vs. #10 Villanova. Next: at Butler, Sunday.
9. Duke (22-4) beat Wake Forest 76-74. Next: vs. Florida State, Saturday.
10. Villanova (19-6) at #8 Providence. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
11. Texas Tech (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. #7 Baylor, Wednesday.
12. Illinois (18-6) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Wednesday.
13. UCLA (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Thursday.
14. Houston (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. UCF, Thursday.
15. Wisconsin (19-5) at Indiana. Next: vs. Michigan, Sunday.
16. Tennessee (18-6) vs. #4 Kentucky. Next: at #23 Arkansas, Saturday.
17. Southern Cal (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Thursday.
18. Ohio State (15-6) vs. Minnesota. Next: vs. Iowa, Saturday.
19. Michigan St. (18-7) lost to Penn St. 62-58 Next: vs. #12 Illinois, Satruday.
20. Texas (18-7) at Oklahoma. Next: vs. #11 Texas Tech, Saturday.
21. Murray State (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Austin Peay, Thursday.
22. Wyoming (21-3) at New Mexico. Next: vs. Air Force, Saturday.
23. Arkansas (19-6) at Missouri. Next: vs. #16 Tennessee, Saturday.
24. UConn (17-7) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Wednesday.
25. Alabama (16-9) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi St., Wednesday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES
EAST
Merrimack 70, Sacred Heart 63
Penn St. 62, Michigan St. 58
SOUTH
Hofstra 97, Elon 64
Longwood 70, High Point 66
North Florida 72, Liberty 69
Tulane 76, South Florida 57
MIDWEST
Kent St. 72, Toledo 59
Ohio 91, Miami (Ohio) 78
W. Michigan 61, Akron 57, OT

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE
1. S. Carolina (23-1): vs. Auburn, Thu.
2. Stanford (21-3): at Oregon St. Friday.
3. Louisville (22-2): at #24 N. Carolina, Thu.
4. NC State (23-3): vs. Wake Forest, Thu.
5. Indiana (18-4): vs. Northwestern, Thu.
6. Iowa St. (21-3): at #14 Texas, Wed.
7. Baylor (19-5): at TCU, Wed.
8. Arizona (18-4): at Washington, Fri.
9. Michigan (20-4): vs. #13 Maryland, Sun.
#10 UConn (17-5): at Xavier, Fri.
11. LSU (21-4): at Mississippi St., Thu.
12. Tennessee (21-4): at Alabama, Thu.
13. Maryland (19-6): vs. #18 Ohio St., Thu.
14. Texas (17-6): vs. #6 Iowa St., Wed.
15. Oklahoma (20-4): vs. Tex. Tech, Wed.
16. Georgia Tech (19-6): vs. #19 Notre Dame, Thu.
17. Florida (19-6): vs. Arkansas, Thu.
18. Ohio St. (19-4): at Maryland, Thu.
19. Notre Dame (19-6): at #16 Ga Tech, Thu.
20. BYU (21-2): vs. Loyola Marymnt, Thu.
21. Georgia (17-7): vs. Missouri, Thu.
22. Iowa (16-7): vs. #5 Indiana, Sat.
23. Va. Tech (19-6): at #3 Louisville, Sun.
24. N. Carolina (19-5): at #3 Louisville, Thu.
25. Florida Gulf Coast (22-2): vs. Kennesaw State, Thu.

GOLF

PGA TOUR LEADERS

MONEY LEADERS	EV	MONEY
1. Hideki Matsuyama	8	$3,852,233
2. Tom Hoge	13	$3,208,340
3. Scottie Scheffler	8	$2,701,814
4. Talor Gooch	11	$2,629,182
5. Luke List	10	$2,329,333
6. Sungjae Im	8	$2,299,018
7. Cameron Smith	5	$2,133,375
8. Sam Burns	7	$2,067,031
9. Patrick Cantlay	4	$1,907,600
10. Cameron Tringale	10	$1,811,528
11. Rory McIlroy	1	$1,755,000
12. Collin Morikawa	3	$1,598,322
13. Seamus Power	11	$1,588,217
14. Jason Kokrak	5	$1,585,460
15. Max Homa	7	$1,578,888
16. Jon Rahm	5	$1,573,750
17. Hudson Swafford	11	$1,547,594
18. Viktor Hovland	5	$1,543,781
19. Will Zalatoris	7	$1,470,762
20. Mackenzie Hughes	7	$1,470,091
21. Russell Henley	8	$1,449,083
22. Keith Mitchell	10	$1,377,735
23. Matthew Wolff	6	$1,312,886
24. Lucas Herbert	6	$1,272,000
25. Maverick McNealy	9	$1,271,924
26. Justin Thomas	5	$1,242,689
27. Jordan Spieth	5	$1,201,999
28. Marc Leishman	7	$1,165,296
29. Lanto Griffin	9	$1,138,694
30. Denny McCarthy	11	$1,047,748
31. Si Woo Kim	10	$1,045,618
32. Sebastián Muñoz	10	$1,042,100
33. Brendan Steele	9	$1,019,341
34. Carlos Ortiz	8	$935,917
35. Joel Dahmen	10	$854,568

WINTER OLYMPICS

MEDAL COUNT
78 of 109total events

NATION	G	S	B	TOT
Norway	12	7	7	26
ROC	4	7	9	20
Germany	9	6	3	18
United States	7	6	4	17
Canada	2	4	11	17
Austria	6	6	4	16
Japan	2	5	7	14
Netherlands	6	4	3	13
Italy	2	6	5	13
China	6	4	2	12
France	3	7	2	12
Sweden	5	3	3	11
Switzerland	5	0	5	10
Slovenia	2	3	2	7
South Korea	1	3	1	5
Australia	1	2	1	4
Finland	1	1	2	4
Hungary	1	0	2	3
New Zealand	1	1	0	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Belarus	0	2	0	2
Slovakia	1	0	0	1
Spain	0	1	0	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Estonia	0	0	1	1
Latvia	0	0	1	1
Poland	0	0	1	1

TUESDAY'S MEDALISTS
ALPINE SKIING, Women's Downhill
G: Corinne Suter, Switzerland
S: Sofia Goggia, Italy
B: Nadia Delago, Italy
BOBSLEIGH, 2-man
G: Germany (Francesco Friedrich, Thorsten Margis)
S: Germany (Jo Lochner, Florian Bauer)
B: Germany (Chris Hafer, Mat Sommer)
BIATHLON, Men's 4x7.5km Relay
G: Norway **S:** France **B:** ROC
FREESTYLE, Women Freeski Slopestyle
G: Mathilde Gremaud, Switzerland
S: Ailing Eileen Gu, China
B: Kelly Sildaru, Estonia
NORDIC COMBINED, Individual Gundersen Large Hill/10km
G: Joergen Graabak, Norway
S: Jens Luraas Oftebro, Norway
B: Akito Watabe, Japan
SNOWBOARD, Men's Big Air
G: Yiming Su, China
S: Mons Roisland, Norway
B: Max Parrot, Canada
SNOWBOARD: Women's Big Air
G: Anna Gasser, Austria
S: Zoi Sadowski Synnott, New Zealand
B: Kokomo Murase, Japan
SPEED SKATING, Men's Team Pursuit
G: Norway **S:** ROC
B: U.S. (Ethan Cepuran, Casey Dawson, Emery Lehman, Joey Mantia)
SPEEDSKATING, Women's Team Pursuit
G: Canada **S:** Japan **B:** Netherlands
SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING,Men 500m
G: Shaoang Liu, Hungary
S: Konstantin Ivliev, ROC
B: Steven Dubois, Canada
Women's 1000m
G: Suzanne Schulting, Netherlands
S: Minjeong Choi, South Korea
B: Hanne Desmet, Belgium

TUESDAY'S SCORES
CURLING, Men
Norway 12, ROC 5
Canada 10, China 8
U.S. 7, Switzerland 4
Sweden 8, Denmark 3
Britain 7, Sweden 6
Italy 10, United States 4
China 8, Norway 6
ROC 7, Canada 6 (Extra Ends)
CURLING, Women
ROC 11, China 5
Sweden 9, Denmark 3
Switzerland 9, U.S. 6
Britain 10, Japan 4
ICE HOCKEY
Men Preliminary Round

GROUP A	W	L	OW	OL	PT	GF	GA
United States	3	0	0	0	6	15	4
Canada	2	1	0	0	4	12	5
Germany	1	2	0	0	2	6	10
China	0	3	0	0	0	2	16
GROUP B	**W**	**L**	**OW**	**OL**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
ROC	2	0	0	1	5	8	6
Denmark	2	1	0	0	4	7	6
Czech Republic	0	1	2	0	4	9	8
Switzerland	0	2	0	1	1	4	8
GROUP C	**W**	**L**	**OW**	**OL**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Finland	2	0	1	0	6	13	6
Sweden	2	0	0	1	5	10	7
Slovakia	1	2	0	0	2	8	12
Latvia	0	3	0	0	0	5	11

Slovakia 4, Germany 0
Denmark 3, Latvia 2
Tuesday's quarterfinals
Switzerland 4, Czech Republic 2
Canada 7, China 2
U.S. vs Slovakia 11:10 p.m.
Wednesday's quarterfinals
ROC vs Denmark 1 a.m.
Finland vs Switzerland 3:40 a.m.
Sweden vs Canada 8:30 a.m.

Women, Wednesday medal finals
Bronze: Finland vs Switzerland 6:30 a.m.
Gold: Canada vs U.S., 11:10 p.m.

NFL

FIRST-ROUND DRAFT ORDER
Draft: April 28-30 in Paradise, Nev.

PK	TEAM	REC	SOS
1	Jacksonville Jaguars	3–14	.512
2	Detroit Lions	3–13–1	.528
3	Houston Texans	4–13	.498
4	N.Y. Jets	4–13	.512
5	N.Y. Giants	4–13	.536
6	Carolina Panthers	5–12	.509
7	Chicago (to NYG)	6–11	.524
8	Atlanta Falcons	7–10	.472
9	Denver Broncos	7–10	.484
10	Seattle (to NYJ)	7–10	.519
11	Washington Comm.	7–10	.529
12	Minnesota Vikings	8–9	.507
13	Cleveland Browns	8–9	.514
14	Baltimore Ravens	8–9	.531
15	Miami (to Phi.)	9–8	.464
16	Indpls (to Phi.)	9–8	.495
17	L.A. Chargers	9–8	.510
18	New Orleans Saints	9–8	.512
19	Philadelphia Eagles	9–8	.469
20	Pittsburgh Steelers	9–7–1	.521
21	New England	10–7	.481
22	Las Vegas Raiders	10–7	.510
23	Arizona Cardinals	11–6	.490
24	Dallas Cowboys	12–5	.488
25	Buffalo Bills	11–6	.472
26	Tennessee Titans	12–5	.472
27	Tampa Bay Bucs	13–4	.467
28	Green Bay Packers	13–4	.479
29	San Fran.. (to Mia.)	10–7	.500
30	Kansas City Chiefs	12–5	.538
31	Cincinnati Bengals	10–7	.472
32	L.A. Rams (to Det.)	12–5	.483

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL FAVORITE	LINE	WEDNESDAY UNDERDOG
at Fairfield	5½	Manhattan
at Xavier	8½	St. John's (NY)
at St. Bonaventure	11	UMass
Furman	13	at Western Carolina
at LSU	17½	Georgia
Miami	1½	at Louisville
Wofford	4½	at The Citadel
at Notre Dame	10½	Boston College
at Alabama	5½	Mississippi State
at Mercer	3	ETSU
George Mason	2	at St. Joseph's (Pa)
at SFA	19½	Chicago State
at Duquesne	4½	George Wash.
at Drake	16	Evansville
at Saint Louis	14	La Salle
Utah Valley	1½	at Tarleton State
Loyola (Chi.)	9½	at Valparaiso
at North Carolina	13½	Pittsburgh
Seattle U	6½	at TX Rio Grande
at Marquette	13	Georgetown
Purdue	5	at Northwestern
SMU	4	at Temple
at Auburn	14	Vanderbilt
Morehead State	10	at Tenn-Martin
at Texas Tech	1½	Baylor
Boise State	10½	at Air Force
Grand Canyon	3½	at Cal Baptist
at Fresno State	6	UNLV
Gonzaga	29½	at Pepperdine

NBA FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	WEDNESDAY UNDERDOG
at Orlando	Off	(Off)	Atlanta
at Indiana	Off	(Off)	Washington
at Boston	12½	(214)	Detroit
at New York	Off	(Off)	Brooklyn
at Minnesota	Off	(Off)	Toronto
at Okla. City	Off	(Off)	San Antonio
at Chicago	5½	(233½)	Sacramento
at Memphis	Off	(Off)	Portland
at Phoenix	15½	(234)	Houston
at Golden State	5½	(224½)	Denver
Utah	5	(227)	at LA Lakers

NHL FAVORITE	LINE	WEDNESDAY UNDERDOG	Line
Minnesota	-152	at Winnipeg	+126
at Carolina	-120	Florida	+100
at Calgary	-178	Anaheim	+146
at Vegas	-122	Colorado	+102

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

In an interview with the BBC broadcast on Tuesday, Novak Djokovic said he's willing to skip this year's French Open and Wimbledon if COVID vaccination mandates remain in place. **AP FILE**

TENNIS

Djokovic: Willing to opt out of Slams

No. 1 player says he won't abide by vaccine mandates

Associated Press

LONDON — If forced to choose, Novak Djokovic said he would skip the French Open and Wimbledon, foregoing the chance to overtake Rafael Nadal's record haul of 21 Grand Slams titles, rather than get vaccinated against COVID-19.

And the No. 1-ranked tennis player is also still smarting about being deported last month from Australia ahead of the season's first Grand Slam in a drama about his vaccination status that polarized opinion worldwide.

Speaking in an interview broadcast Tuesday by the BBC, the 20-time Grand Slam champion said he is still not vaccinated, and prepared to sacrifice titles to stay that way.

If need be, not defending his titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon and missing other tournaments is "the price that I am willing to pay," said the 34-year-old Serb, comments likely to further boost his hero-status among some opponents of vaccination.

Djokovic said he is not opposed to vaccinations and sought to distance himself from anti-vaccination campaigners, saying: "I have never said that I am part of that movement."

But he said "everyone has the right to choose, to act, or say what ever they feel is appropriate for them" and that he believes in "the freedom to choose what you put into your body. And, for me, that is essential."

"I am trying to be in tune with my body as much as I possibly can," he said, adding that he has always been careful about everything he ingests.

"Based on all the information that I got, I decided not to take the vaccine, as of today.

"I understand the consequences of my decision," Djokovic said.

"I understand that not being vaccinated today, you know, I am unable to travel to most of the tournaments at the moment."

Asked if he would be prepared to miss the French Open in May, Djokovic repeated:

"(Yes,) that is the price that I am willing to pay."

Also asked if would be ready to skip Wimbledon, he added: "Yes."

"Because the principles of decision-making on my body are more important than any title or anything else," he said.

Djokovic has won the French Open twice, including in 2021, and has six Wimbledon titles, including the last three.

Nadal won this year's Australian Open, giving him one more major title than Djokovic and Roger Federer. Djokovic was deported before he could play.

Djokovic's Aussie saga began when he was granted an exemption to strict vaccination rules by two medical panels and Tennis Australia in order to play. That exemption, based on evidence that he recently recovered from COVID-19, apparently allowed him to receive a visa to enter Australia. But upon arrival, border officials said the exemption was not valid and moved to deport him.

A court initially ruled on procedural grounds that Djokovic could stay, but Australian Immigration Minister Alex Hawke, who has wide powers, later decided to deport him. The government said his presence could stir up anti-vaccine sentiments.

"I understand that there has been lots of, say, frustrations from Australian people towards me and towards the entire situation and the way it was dealt with," Djokovic told the BBC. "I would like to say that I always followed the rules."

His threats to skip the next two majors may prove to be moot.

New rules in force in England since last week allow unvaccinated people to enter with tests before and after their arrival.

Vaccination rules in France could also change in the months before Roland Garros, possibly allowing Djokovic to play. The country has started to ease some of its health and travel restrictions as it recovers from a record surge in infections fueled by the highly contagious omicron variant.

Djokovic has previously said that he tested positive in mid-December. If the four-month requirement stays in force, it is likely to rule him out of the French Open unless he gets vaccinated or tests positive again within four months of the start of the clay-court Grand Slam on May 22.

IN BRIEF

Crosby scores 500th career goal

News services

Penguins star Sidney Crosby is the latest member of the NHL's 500-goal club.

Crosby reached the mark with a power-play goal in the first period of Tuesday night's home game against the Flyers.

The 34-year-old Crosby is the 46th player in NHL history to reach the 500-goal plateau and the 18th to do it with one franchise. He's the second Penguin to score 500 goals, joining Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux.

Crosby beat Flyers goalie Carter Hart with a shot from just above the goal line at 16:34 of the first period. Longtime teammate Evgeni Malkin fed Crosby, who gave the Penguins a 2-1 lead.

The milestone also marked Crosby's 50th career goal against the Flyers.

NFL: The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office decided not to charge veteran RB Adrian Peterson in connection to his arrest at Los Angeles International Airport on Sunday for what airport officials said was domestic violence, according to reports. Peterson's case will now be referred to the Los Angeles City Attorney, who will examine the case and still could charge Peterson with misdemeanor domestic violence. Peterson, 36, was charged with felony child abuse in 2014 for using a switch to spank his then-4-year-old son, which resulted in cuts and bruises all over the boy's body. Peterson eventually pleaded no contest to a reduced charge of misdemeanor reckless assault. In addition to a two-year probation period, he was fined $4,000 and performed 80 hours of community service. The NFL suspended him for one year. ... The Vikings plan to introduce Rams offensive coordinator Kevin O'Connell as their next head coach Thursday, ESPN reported. The hire was expected, but the Vikings hadn't been permitted to announce that they were hiring O'Connell because the Rams were still playing in the postseason. ... The Super Bowl rebounded to draw an estimated 101.1 million television viewers who saw the Rams beat the Bengals on a late-game drive. That was a 6% increase over the 95.2 million TV viewers who saw the Buccaneers crowned as champions in 2021, the Nielsen company announced. Viewership for the NFL's divisional round was up 20% over last year, and the conference championships were up 10%, Nielsen said. NBC said another 11.2 million people streamed this year's game, putting the total audience at 112.3 million people. The audience for television and streaming combined is up 12.6% over last year.

Soccer: Kylian Mbappe took a back-heeled pass from substitute Neymar in the fourth and final minute of stoppage time to lift host Paris Saint-Germain over Real Madrid 1-0 in the first leg of a Champions League last-16 matchup. In other first-leg action, Manchester City cruised to a 5-0 road win over Sporting Lisbon. The return legs are March 9. Madrid midfielder Casemiro will miss his team's match after picking up a yellow card late in the first half.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Wednesday: vs. Seton Hall at Gampel, 8:30 p.m., CBSSN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Friday: at Xavier, 7 p.m., SNY

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Skating

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guaranteed after her first-place finish in the short program) and has not awarded team medals over the same controversy.

As Valieva took the ice, sparkly purple dress flowing behind her cat-eye-lined eyes, it was impossible to think only of her skating.

"To be honest, I almost don't believe what I'm seeing, seeing her on Olympic ice right now with everything we've discovered this past week," NBC commentator and former Olympic gold medalist Tara Lipinski said on air. "I did not think this was going to be happening and I don't think this should be happening."

Lipinski and her analyst partner Johnny Weir, also a former Olympian, have done so much to elevate figure skating, their obvious love of the sport combined with their incomparable style choices keeping them in the spotlight as much as the skaters they cover. Their sadness and anger radiated through the screen, potently underscoring the sentiment Lipinski had shared earlier in a tweet, that this entire sordid affair "will leave a permanent scar on our sport."

Weir made his disdain clear with his initial post-skate comment, which said everything despite not saying very much. "All I can say is that was the short program of Kamila Valieva," Weir said.

Blunt and succinct. And also true.

Later, Weir did expand on his thoughts, saying, "So many people, myself included, saw her as the favorite for the Olympic gold medal and now it's such a letdown. It's heartbreaking to have to reassess the way you feel really about everything in this competition.

"We've marveled for many years about the talent in Russia, and Kamila was a very bright spot and a big part of that. With all of this news, I feel so uncomfortable as a skater and a skating fan, even having to commentate on her performance, simply because she should not be able to compete in this competition."

But this is the Olympics, whose noble "Citius, Altius, Fortius" motto should be replaced by something more banal, like "the show must go on."

This farce went on because the suspension of Valieva's temporary suspension (two decisions made by Russia's domestic anti-doping agency) was upheld Monday by the international Court of Arbitration for Sport. The COA's rushed hearing was conducted in response to an appeal filed by the IOC and the World Anti-Doping Agency, who together wanted to have Valieva suspended from competing in the solo competition.

Valieva's blood sample from Russia's national championship in December tested positive for the heart medication trimetazidine, news that came to light only after she had helped Russia (temporarily?) take gold in the team skating competition.

Valieva's lawyers successfully fought to keep her eligible, stretching credulity by saying Valieva had ingested the medication through the inadvertent sharing of a water glass with her grandfather (during a global pandemic, it should be noted), who has a prescription for TMZ. The COA further pushed our b.s. meter by citing the "irreparable harm" a suspension would cause Valieva, despite a history of standing stubbornly on an "ignorance is no defense" platform.

Of course there is sadness reserved for Valieva herself, a young woman undoubtedly caught up in the churning machine that is the Russian Olympic program, the same one unmasked in the damning documentary "Icarus" as running a sophisticated, state-sponsored doping program, down to drilling a hole in the bathroom wall to pass tainted samples out and bring clean ones in.

But sympathy can stretch only so far, and in this case, the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. Or the one.

Every skater has been cheated by this, none more than the clean ones over in Beijing, the ones who have no chance to stand atop a podium and hear their national anthem played, the ones who followed the rules but were left behind.

"To think there is going to be no medal ceremony in the ladies event if she's on the podium, it's otherworldly to me," Lipinski said. "I can't even comprehend that.

"Imagine how it's affecting so many other skaters' lives and their Olympic experiences. We should not have seen this skate."

As Weir said, "If you can't play fair, then you can't play. We are sorry it's overshadowing your Olympics."

It's a sad day for skating.

Alysa Liu, of the United States, competes in the women's short program Tuesday in Beijing. **AP**

WINTER OLYMPICS

US figure skaters struggle

Associated Press

BEIJING — Three U.S. women advanced to the free skate but struggled to break into medal contention in an event that has been overshadowed by the latest Russian doping scandal.

The dominant Russians had three of the top four spots, and Alysa Liu was the only American breaking into the top 10, in eighth.

"I don't know how anybody else skated. I only know how I skated. Again, it's disappointing. I hope that they skated well. And if not, then I guess we're in the same boat," said Karen Chen, who came in 13th. "We've just got a focus on delivering a more solid long program."

Liu skated a more conservative program, downgrading her planned triple axel into a double in order to land a cleanly.

Though Liu was all smiles during the program, she said it was a struggle to switch to a new coach late in the season. She shouted out her former coach for helping her with her choreography.

"The change was really recent so it was a hard change, of course, for me," Liu said. "I'm just really glad I get to show his choreography. Hopefully I did it justice."

Fellow American Mariah Bell, in 11th, also had a shaky performance. Both she and Chen fell. All three U.S. skaters now advance to the free skate on Thursday, when the medals will be decided.

"I have very mixed emotions about it. I'm bummed with the mistake on that element," Bell said. "I think it cost me quite a bit of points, but I'm happy with how I came back with everything else. And ultimately, I just really enjoyed skating on Olympic ice."

On this night, all eyes were on Russian Kamila Valieva, who walked away with the top performance at Capital Indoor Stadium. Russian teammates Anna Shcherbakova and Alexandra Trusova came in second and fourth, respectively. Japan's Kaori Sakamoto was in third.

The medals won't be presented in Beijing, however, because the International Olympic Committee is waiting for the longer-term investigation of Valieva's doping case to play out.

UCONN BASKETBALL

Huskies invited to play in tourneys to honor Phil Knight

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

The UConn men's basketball team will compete in the 2022 Phil Knight Invitational, and the UConn women will play in the 2022 Phil Knight Legacy College Basketball Tournament on Thanksgiving weekend in Portland, Oregon, ESPN announced Tuesday.

The Phil Knight Invitational will feature eight men's teams and four women's teams during ESPN's annual Feast Week, Nov. 24-27. The Phil Knight Legacy Tournament also features eight men's teams and four women's teams competing Nov. 25-27.

Both tournaments will honor Nike co-founder Phil Knight for his contributions to college basketball. Games for both tournaments will be hosted at three venues in Portland: The Chiles Center at the University of Portland, Rose Quarter's Moda Center and Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

The eight men's teams in the Phil Knight Invitational include Alabama, Iowa State, Michigan State, North Carolina, Portland, Oregon, Villanova and UConn. The field has a combined 206 NCAA Tournament appearances, 43 Final Fours and 16 NCAA titles. The women's side features Iowa State, Michigan State, North Carolina and Oregon.

The Phil Knight Invitational will be streamed on ESPN networks, including the men's and women's championship games, which will be played at the Moda Center on Nov. 27.

The Phil Knight Legacy College Basketball Tournament features UConn, Duke, Iowa and Oregon State in the women's field. The men's field includes Duke, Florida, Gonzaga, Oregon State, Portland State, Purdue, West Virginia and Xavier.

The UConn women are 12-3 all time versus Duke. Their last meeting was a 72-59 win for the Huskies in the 2018 NCAA Tournament Sweet 16. The Huskies are 5-3 all time versus Iowa, with the teams last facing off in the 2021 NCAA Tournament Sweet 16, a 92-72 win for UConn.

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of the season and it's time to really buckle down and step up," he said. "This is the time when seniors and the older guys start to step up when things get tough. It's a big stretch for us, but we're all really excited for it."

Seton Hall's Bryce Aiken will miss his eighth straight game due to a concussion.

Here's everything you need to know about the matchup.

The basics

Site: Gampel Pavilion, Storrs
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Series: UConn leads 45-21
Last meeting: Seton Hall won, 90-87, on Jan 8, 2022 at Prudential Center.
TV: CBS (Tom McCarthy, Pete Gillen and Sherree Burruss)
Live Stream: CBS Streaming
Radio: UConn Sports Network (Mike Crispino, Wayne Norman). Sirius-137. XM-202. SXM app-965. 97.9-ESPN Hartford. WILI-1400-AM (Willimantic). WATR-1320-AM (Waterbury). WAVZ-1300-AM (New Haven). WGCH-1490-AM (Greenwich).

Seton Hall (15-8, 6-7 Big East) probable starters, sixth man

Tray Jackson, F, 6-9, Jr.; Ike Obiagu, C, 7-2, GS.; Jared Rhoden, G, 6-6, Sr.; Myles Cale, G, 6-6, Gr.; Kadary Richmond, G, 6-6, So. Alexis Yetna, F, 6-8, Gr.;

UConn (17-7, 8-5 Big East) probable starters, sixth man

R.J. Cole, G, 6-1, GS; Isaiah Whaley, F, 6-9, GS; Adama Sanogo, F, 6-9, So.; Tyrese Martin, G/F, 6-6, Sr.; Andre Jackson, G/F, 6-6, So.; Jordan Hawkins, G, 6-5, Fr.

The matchup

UConn's offense: The Huskies need to take smart shots inside the arc as Seton Hall ranks No. 25 in Division I in opponent two-point percentage with 45.4% according to KenPom.
UConn's defense: The biggest focus for the defense should be to boxout, as the Pirates average 11.1 offensive rebounds per game, which is tied for 24th in Division I
Seton Hall's offense: Rhoden is the player to watch, as he averages 15.4 points per game. He had eight points on 4-for-12 shooting from the field against Villanova.
Seton Hall's defense: According to KenPom, the Pirates are ranked No. 31 in defensive efficiency, with
UConn's key: Take smart shots while not letting Seton Hall players get to their shooting spots.
Player to watch: Sanogo. He's had a couple of different games where he's had early foul trouble, so it's pivotal he doesn't have it happen again as his presence is crucial for the Huskies.
About Seton Hall's coach: Kevin Willard. He coached at Seton Hall for 11 seasons and previously coached at Iona for three seasons.
Seton Hall's mascot: The mascot is a Pirate, chosen in 1931.
Seton Hall famous alumni: Former NBA player Mark Bryant.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Baylor big man has surgery to repair multiple knee ligaments

Associated Press

Baylor big man Jonathan Tchamwa Tchatchoua had surgery Tuesday to repair multiple ligaments in his left knee from a gruesome injury that ended his season for the seventh-ranked and reigning national champion Bears.

Tchamwa Tchatchoua, the junior forward known as "Everyday Jon" for his consistent high-energy approach in games and practices, got hurt without any contact in the first half of Baylor's 80-63 win over No. 20 Texas on Saturday. The 6-foot-8, 245-pound Cameroon-born player was going down the court after a missed shot by the Bears when his left leg turned awkwardly and he crumbled to the floor in obvious pain.

"Everyday Jon's biggest strength is every day he's got a smile and he's upbeat, and that's made us a lot more upbeat," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "Knowing Jon, he'll probably be at rehab first thing in the morning."

Drew described the surgery as "extensive," and said it was too early to know the best-case scenario for Tchamwa Tchatchoua's recovery and return.

In a tweet after getting hurt and before the surgery, Tchamwa Tchatchoua wrote, "Baylor family I appreciate all the love & prayers!! All my trust is in GOD so I know everything is going to be ok!"

The Bears (21-4) play at 11th-ranked Texas Tech on Wednesday night.

Tchamwa Tchatchoua is one of only three players who has appeared in all 25 games so far for Baylor. He has come off the bench to average 8.4 points and a team-leading 6.8 rebounds (fifth in the Big 12) in about 21 minutes a game. He scored a career-high 21 points last week at Kansas State.

Flo Thamba, a 6-10 senior post, has started every game this season. The Bears used their big man combo the same way last season when winning their first national title.

Did you know?

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Mantia lifts 'weight' with 1st medal

Joey Mantia is finally taking home his first medal in his third Olympics. The 36-year-old American, along with Casey Dawson and Emery Lehman, earned the bronze in team pursuit on Tuesday. It was the second speedskating medal for the United States in Beijing. Erin Jackson won gold in the 500 meters. "I feel like the weight has been lifted in a sense," Mantia said. "Now I can just kind of breathe." At 36 years, 8 days, Mantia is the oldest medalist in team pursuit, breaking the mark of Rintje Ritsma of the Netherlands who was 35 years, 308 days in 2006. It was the Americans' first medal in men's speedskating since the 2010 Vancouver Games. Mantia had been a favorite for gold in his first race in Beijing but finished sixth in the 1,500. The U.S. men also were gold-medal favorites in team pursuit. Four years ago, Mantia just missed the podium at the Pyeongchang Games, finishing fourth in the 1,000. He still has that event remaining in Beijing — where he admits he'd need the race of his life to make the podium — and the mass start. "Anything can happen," Mantia said.

Nationals great Zimmerman retires

Ryan Zimmerman, who spent his entire 17-year major league career with the Nationals, announced his retirement Tuesday. Zimmerman, 37, leaves as the franchise's career leader in a number of categories, including hits (1,846), RBIs (1,061), runs (963) and games played (1,799). He helped the team win its first World Series title in 2019. Zimmerman was the Nationals' first-round draft pick in 2005 out of the University of Virginia, and he was in the lineup just a few months later at third base. He made two All-Star teams and played 100 or more games in eight consecutive seasons from 2006-13. Zimmerman had seven seasons of 20-plus home runs, including a career-high 36 in 2017. "Ryan will forever be Mr. National," Nationals owner Mark D. Lerner said in a statement. "... Ryan gave us all 17 years of amazing memories." Zimmerman battled injuries late in his career, playing in 85 games in 2018 and 52 games in 2019. He opted out of the 2020 season because of the pandemic. He hit .243 with 14 homers and 46 RBIs last season and retires with a career batting average of .277.

Morikawa: No interest in Saudi tour

When it comes to the threat of a rival league, the list of players keeps growing. British Open champion Collin Morikawa, the No. 2 player in the world, is the latest to say he's not interested. "As it goes to the Saudi stuff, I'm all for the PGA Tour," Morikawa said Tuesday. Morikawa said the threat of guaranteed Saudi riches to play in a super league of 54-hole events with no cuts has allowed the PGA Tour to explore what it can be doing better. He likes some of the changes. He doesn't like some others, most notably the Player Impact Program geared more toward popularity than performance. But he grew up knowing only the PGA Tour and records he wanted to pursue — most involving Tiger Woods, most probably untouchable — and that's what has his interest. "Right now you look at the best players that I see and they're all sticking with the PGA Tour and that's where I stay," Morikawa said. Jon Rahm, the No. 1 player, has been forceful about his desire to stay on the PGA Tour. Ditto for Justin Thomas and Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Brooks Koepka. *—News services*

Russian 15-year-old Kamila Valieva, who's been allowed to participate in the women's figure skating competition despite a positive test for a banned substance, breaks down after winning the short program Tuesday in Beijing. **NATACHA PISARENKO/AP**

OLYMPICS WOMEN'S FIGURE SKATING

Cold comfort in lead

Amid controversy, tearful Valieva wins short program

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

BEIJING — Kamila Valieva skated off the Olympic ice with the lead in the women's short program and tears in her eyes.

They were not tears of joy.

The enormous pressure and scrutiny on the 15-year-old Russian dynamo, who's at the center of the latest Olympic doping scandal, appeared to finally get to her Tuesday night. Despite an incredible performance by the standards of just about anyone else, Valieva could hardly hold it together while she awaited her scores.

She wound up earning 82.16 points, more than eight off her own world record, but more than enough to top teammates Anna Shcherbakova and Alexandra Trusova as they go for a Russian sweep of the podium.

Valieva didn't speak afterward, walking through the mix zone of reporters in stoic silence. The Russian Olympic Committee also declined to bring her to the news conference, which is required only for medal rounds, and when asked about the scandal, Scherbakova said: "I will not say anything about this situation."

"Whether it is fair, I am not quite sure," said Japan's Kaori Sakamoto, who sits in third place.

"I would like to refrain from answering that question. Right now I would just like to focus on my own performance."

Shcherbakova, the reigning world champion, was second with 80.60 points after a clean program. Sakamoto's score of 79.89 points broke up the "Quad Squad" with Trusova, who fell on her opening triple axel, in fourth with 74.60.

"I think that everything was like always, like every competition," Shcherbakova said. "I didn't feel anything different from other competitions, and it was really controlled (and) focused."

The trio of Russian women, all coached by the embattled Eteri Tutberidze, are trying to deliver the second podium sweep in Olympic figure skating and the first in the women's competition. The free skate is Thursday night.

For the last week, Valieva's positive drug test from an event in December has shrouded the competition in controversy.

The test was flagged by a laboratory in Sweden for a banned heart medication but only emerged last week, after her two brilliant performances in the team competition helped win gold for the Russia Olympic Committee.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled that Valieva should be allowed to compete while anti-doping officials conduct a full investigation — in part because she is a minor and is subject to different rules from an adult athlete.

Lawyers for Valieva also "brought some doubts about her guilt," veteran IOC member Denis Oswald said Tuesday. Russian lawyers speculated that the sample may have been contaminated by medicine her grandfather was taking.

In her only comments since the drug test surfaced, Valieva told Russian state broadcaster Channel One on Monday night that "these days have been very difficult for me. I'm happy but I'm tired emotionally."

Valieva said the entire process had taught her that adult life "can be unfair to some extent."

Others pointed out that the real unfairness came in Valieva performing despite a positive test for a banned substance.

"I can only speak for myself and that I advocate for clean sporting," said Mariah Bell, who along with U.S. teammates Alysa Liu and Karen Chen advanced to the free skate. "That's the whole idea of the Olympics and our careers, in general."

Valieva and her teammates had plenty of support from the carefully curated crowd inside Capital Indoor Stadium. There were even several fans waving Russian flags, which the team can't use at Olympics as punishment from the country's state-sponsored doping scheme at the 2014 Sochi Games.

There also were plenty of fans that sat stoically in the stands when Valieva's name was announced.

Her biggest mistake came on her first element, the difficult triple axel, when Valieva barely held onto the jump through the opening chords of Kirill Richter's "In Memoriam."

She had no such problems with her triple flip and her triple lutz-triple toe loop, and she received Level 4 marks on the rest of her program to climb into first place.

AP writers James Ellingworth, Sally Ho and Aaron Morrison contributed to this report.

OLYMPICS WOMEN'S HOCKEY

US, Canada eager to battle for gold

By John Wawrow | Associated Press

BEIJING — American assistant captain Hilary Knight calls it "a beautiful rivalry." Canadian captain Marie-Philip Poulin sums it up as "very fun."

Don't be fooled by the pleasantries.

One of international sports' fiercest and longest-running grudge matches will play out for the second time at the Beijing Olympics, with the meeting Thursday between the United States and Canada determining who goes home with gold.

"These are the the games that we live for," U.S. captain Kendall Coyne Schofield said following a 4-1 semifinal win over Finland. "Everyone's been so resilient through the pandemic with the ups and downs, the cancellations, postponements and finding ways to train, and it's for this moment. We're going to empty the tanks, and this is what we came here to do."

The U.S. is the defending Olympic champion after rallying to beat Canada 3-2 in a shootout at the 2018 Pyeongchang Games.

The Canadians are considered the favorites this time after steamrolling to a 6-0 record and outscoring opponents 54-8, including a 4-2 win over the U.S. in group play.

Canada also had the edge over its rivals since Poulin scored the gold-medal-winning goal in a 3-2 OT win over the U.S. at the world championships in August to end the Americans' streak of five tournament titles. Canada is 5-1-1 in the last seven meetings against the U.S. since.

Overall at the Olympics, which added women's hockey in 1988, Canada is 6-3 against the U.S., with four gold medals to the Americans' two.

Success aside, the lingering memory of 2018 stings.

"In all honesty, it was very anti-climactic for us to lose in a shootout, because it didn't feel as if you lost a game," said Canada forward Sarah Nurse, who leads the tournament with 16 points on four goals and 12 assists. "It almost felt like unfinished business. So going into this gold-medal game, regardless of who we play, we're here to finish business and win a hockey game."

Nurse spoke following a 10-3 semifinal win over Switzerland, and before knowing who Canada would face.

It's only fitting that it's the U.S., with the two countries meeting for the sixth time in seven Olympic finals. The exception was 2006, when Canada won the final against Sweden, which beat the U.S. in the semifinals.

The game Thursday will mark the fourth time that the U.S. and Canada will have met twice in the same Olympic tournament. In the first two instances, the Americans (1998 Nagano) and Canadians (2014 Sochi) won both times. In 2018, the U.S. won the title after a 2-1 loss to Canada in group play.

The challenge for the Americans is containing Canada's relentlessly dynamic, quick-strike transition attack, which scored five times in a first-period span of 3:24 against Switzerland to set an Olympic record for the fastest five goals. Against the Americans, Canada overcame a 2-1 deficit by scoring three times in a span of 5:25.

Switzerland coach Colin Muller said the Canadians' rolling four-line attack is dizzying because they make it hard for opponents to change lines.

"They're just so tenacious," Muller said, blowing into his mask in awe. "Like if you told me who's their best player, I don't even know, really. I look at their lineup before the game and I'm going, 'Well, what do you want to do?' "

U.S. coach Joel Johnson believes his team can compete, in part because it has yet to play its best game.

"When we played them the last time, I thought we were pretty good, but we didn't generate enough great opportunities to score," Johnson said.

Finishing chances has been an issue for the U.S., which ranks fifth out of 10 teams in scoring efficiency with 28 goals on a tournament-leading 334 shots. The Americans are also missing top-line center Brianna Decker, who broke her left leg in the tournament opener.

"I just feel really good about how we match up against Canada," Johnson said. "I think if we can generate a few more scoring chances and make some plays, then that would hopefully be our best game."

The Americans won't go into detail, but they have a few grudges to settle. It's evident when U.S. players reference the two nations' nine-game pre-Olympic Rivalry Series being abruptly canceled with three game left because of Canada's COVID-19 concerns.

What bugs the Americans is that they were preparing to play on home ice in Minnesota when Canada backed out at the last moment after Emily Clark tested positive.

And members of the U.S. team shook their heads at the drama Canada created upon refusing to take the ice for its preliminary round game against the Russians because their opponent's COVID tests results weren't available. The start of the game was delayed and in jeopardy of being postponed, before the International Ice Hockey Federation reached a compromise to have the teams wear masks.

This isn't how the Americans handled things, having no issue playing — and beating the Russians 5-0 — a day after an ROC player tested positive.

Every slight in this rivalry is taken personally, with each side paying close attention to what the other is doing.

"What do you want me to say?" Knight asked when the prospect of facing Canada once again was mentioned. "It gets the best and the worst out of both of us at the same time."

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Partly sunny, breezy and milder. Southwest wind at 10 to 15 mph.	Considerable cloudiness, breezy and unseasonably mild. Periods of rain, windy at night.	Lingering showers ending, then becoming partly sunny, very breezy. Turning colder in the afternoon.	Partly sunny, breezy and very cool.	Mostly sunny, breezy and very cool.
HIGH 44° LOW 41°	HIGH 59° LOW 50°	HIGH 55° LOW 18°	HIGH 41° LOW 21°	HIGH 41° LOW 29°

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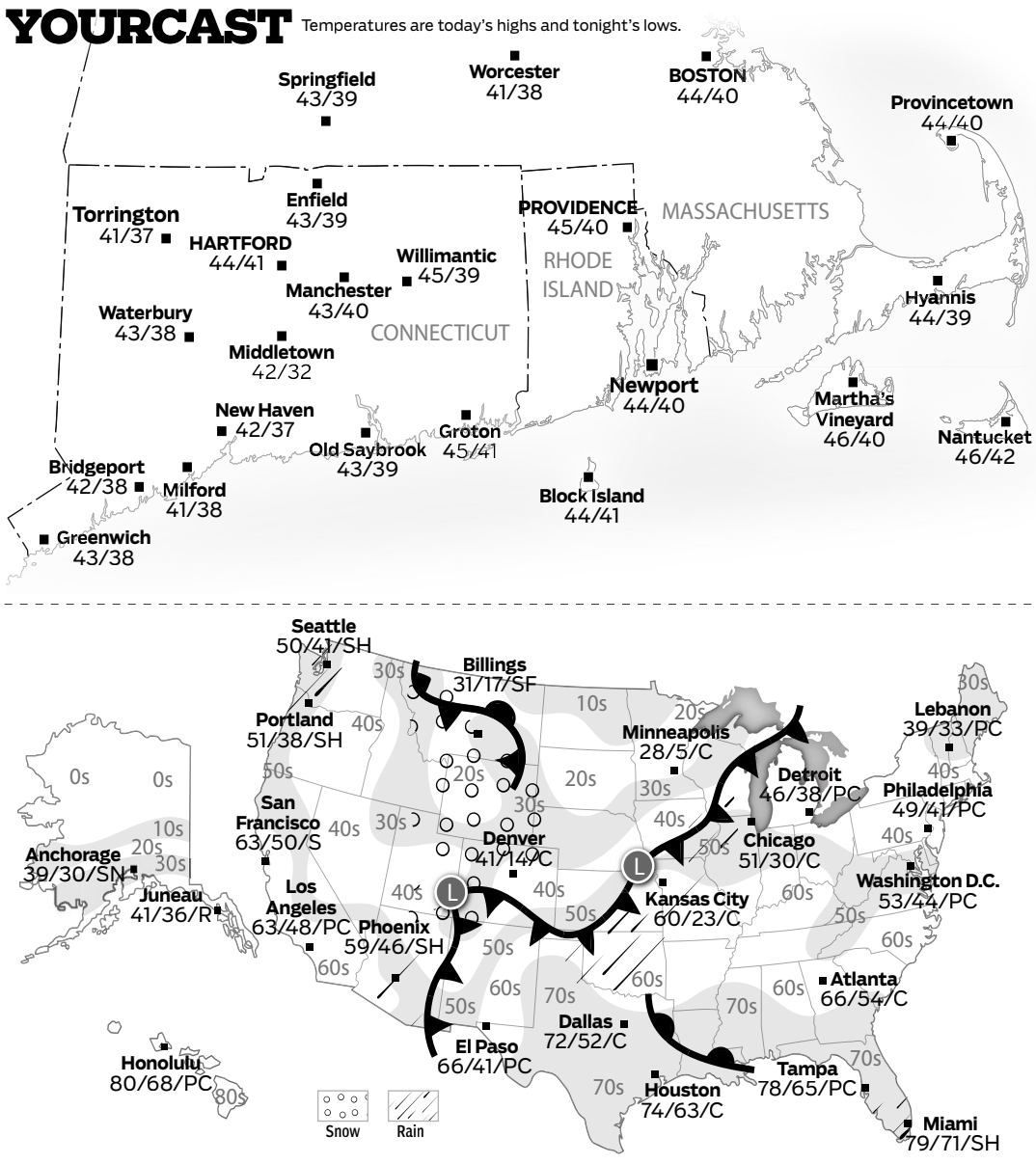

OUTLOOK

Poet Gail Mazur wrote, "Late February, and the air's so balmy snowdrops and crocuses might be fooled into early blooming. Then, the inevitable blizzard will come, blighting our harbingers of spring, and the numbed yards will go back undercover." While it's still mid-February, don't be surprised if this temperature rollercoaster lures a few snowdrops from the ground over the next 72 hours as temperatures turn from seasonably cold to unseasonably mild. Wednesday will have high temperatures in the 40s and then the temperatures will jump into the 50s on Thursday and Friday.

-Gary Lessor

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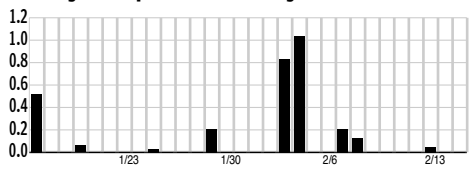
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.11
Month to date	2.26	1.59
Total this year	4.09	4.87
Snowfall In Inches		
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.6
Total this year	21.3	34.7

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



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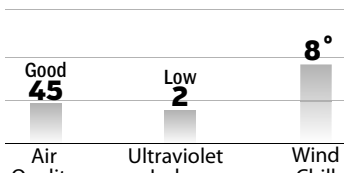


	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:45 a.m.	6:44 a.m.
Sunset	5:24 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
Moonrise	5:25 p.m.	6:33 p.m.
Moonset	7:09 a.m.	7:36 a.m.

Moon Phase

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 16	Feb 23	Mar 2	Mar 10

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	9:17 a.m. 9:34 p.m.	3:05 a.m. 3:40 p.m.	36°
Saybrook Jetty	10:28 a.m. 10:45 p.m.	3:58 a.m. 4:33 p.m.	36°
Connecticut River at Portland	12:49 a.m. 1:11 p.m.	7:44 a.m. 8:19 p.m.	
Madison	10:41 a.m. 11:03 p.m.	4:23 a.m. 4:53 p.m.	36°
New Haven	11:01 a.m. 11:23 p.m.	4:47 a.m. 5:17 p.m.	37°
Stamford	11:05 a.m. 11:27 p.m.	5:01 a.m. 5:31 p.m.	37°

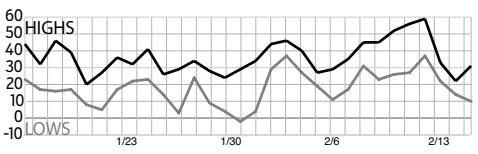
River Stage at Hartford: 4.25 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
	PCloudy	PCloudy	PCloudy
Wind	S, 10-15	S, 10-20	S, 10-20
Seas	1-2 ft.	2-3 ft.	3-5 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	31 at 2:49 p.m	10 at 6:14 a.m
Normal for date	38	21
Record for date	69 in 1954	-18 in 1943
A year ago	31	29
Range this year	59	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Feb 15	3565	3901	3649

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.62 at 6 p.m.	30.39 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	2° at 6 p.m.	-2° at 3 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND																	
Bangor	37	35	PC	Baltimore	49	39	PC	Nashville	67	54	PC	San Juan	84	73	SH	Budapest	55	41	PC
Burlington	42	41	PC	Bismarck	23	-3	C	New Orleans	74	65	PC	Tucson	51	38	SH	Buenos Aires	97	64	T
Caribou	30	29	PC	Boise	43	24	PC	New York	45	43	PC	**WORLD**				Cairo	67	51	PC
Concord	38	33	PC	Buffalo	50	44	PC	Okla. City	68	32	C					Cancun	81	74	PC
Montpelier	35	34	PC	Charleston	68	52	PC	Omaha	43	13	C	Amsterdam	57	50	R	Dubai	81	64	PC
Mt. Wash.	23	20	C	Cincinnati	59	50	PC	Orlando	78	61	PC	Athens	63	46	C	Dublin	57	37	SH
Portland	39	35	PC	Cleveland	52	48	PC	Pittsburgh	56	45	PC	Bangkok	91	79	T	Edinburgh	51	39	SH
Woods Hole	41	39	PC	Indianapolis	55	49	PC	Raleigh	59	46	PC	Barbados	84	71	S	Helsinki	36	32	C
NATION				Jacksonville	73	55	PC	St. Louis	66	49	C	Beijing	32	19	S	Hong Kong	66	63	PC
Albany	44	39	PC	Las Vegas	64	45	PC	Salt Lake City	38	25	SF	Beirut	65	52	PC	Istanbul	52	39	PC
Albuquerque	52	30	PC	Miami Beach	76	72	SH	San Antonio	74	56	C	Berlin	50	48	SH	Jerusalem	55	43	PC
Atlantic City	46	42	S	Milwaukee	46	25	SH	San Diego	63	51	PC	Bermuda	65	60	SH	Johannesburg	79	61	T
Kingston	88	72	PC	Stockholm	40	32	I												
Lisbon	63	52	PC	Sydney	82	66	PC												
London	59	46	C	Tel Aviv	64	45	PC												
Madrid	61	41	S	Tokyo	50	32	PC												
Mexico City	79	61	S	Toronto	46	43	PC												
Milan	48	32	SH	Vancouver	45	39	PC												
Montreal	39	37	PC	Warsaw	46	41	SH												
Moscow	36	30	S																
Nassau	77	64	PC																
New Delhi	79	52	PC																
Paris	57	48	SH																
Prague	46	45	SH																
Rio de Janeiro	84	72	T																
Rome	55	37	SH																
Seoul	27	12	S																
Singapore	91	75	T																

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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MONDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

NCCC
SUFFIELD 45, EAST GRANBY 43
EAST GRANBY (7-10): Ben Nardi 3-0-6, Jonah Dunlop 3-0-7, Evan Malinowski 2-1-6, Pat Lakomy 10-0-24, McKenzie Vick 0-0-0. Totals 18-1-43.
SUFFIELD (11-8): Ryan Levis 6-0-14, Jack Pixton 1-0-2, Michael Coggins 6-5-18, Nick Sattan 3-3-9, Will Crozier 1-0-2. Totals 17-8-45.

EG	**10**	**13**	**6**	**15 — 43**	
S	**6**	**9**	**8**	**22 — 45**	

Shoreline
CROMWELL 60, MORGAN 50
MORGAN (11-7): Drew Nye 6-3-16, Cooper Galdenzi 5-0-12, Alex Fratamico 3-4-10, Connor Duffy 4-0-8, Cam Johnson 0-2-2, Eddie Diwalhe 1-0-2. Totals 19-9-50.
CROMWELL (16-0): Gianluca Albert 6-7-20, Louis Friend 0-2-2, Victor Payne 6-0-14, JJ Fehan 5-0-11, Jake Salafia 4-0-10, Luke Gagnon 1-0-3. Totals 22-9-60.

M	**21**	**6**	**11**	**23 — 50**	
C	**17**	**13**	**18**	**12 — 60**	

CRAL
INNOVATION 62, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 35
INNOVATION (5-13): Yonathan Ramos 2-0-4, Tyvonn Thompson 1-0-2, Jumal Kulaib 1-0-2, Amir Bolden 3-0-8, Kanai Parkman 1-0-3, Nae'Shaun Roberson 2-0-4, Mohammed Kulaib 2-0-5, Ibrahim Sidik 1-0-2, Amari Cruz 11-5-29, Jayden Newell-Kemp 1-1-3. Totals 25-6-62.
CIVIC LEADERSHIP (3-14): Kyon McCray 2-0-5, Noah Hicks 3-7-14, Jayden Gist 1-0-2, Donovan Brown 2-0-5, Chris Norton 3-0-6, Javier Negron 1-0-3. Totals 12-7-35.

I	**16**	**10**	**19**	**17 — 35**	
CL	**8**	**18**	**4**	**5 — 35**	

Others
E.O. SMITH 46, STAFFORD 38
E.O. SMITH (7-10): Brendan Raynor 0-2-2, Peter Elumogo 3-4-10, Jackson Stearns 6-5-20, Leon Lin 3-3-10, Noah Cordone 0-4-4. Totals 12-18-46.
STAFFORD (11-6): Tom Balanceau 3-0-8, Logan Briggs 2-3-7, Evan McKay 0-1-1, Isaac Minaya 4-0-8, Mark McLaughlin 4-0-10, Zack Donovan 1-0-2, Collin Gudeman 1-0-2. Totals 15-4-38.

EOS	**6**	**8**	**11**	**21 — 46**	
S	**13**	**7**	**5**	**13 — 38**	

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-South
MIDDLETOWN 64, LEWIS MILLS 36
LEWIS MILLS (7-12): Lauren Searle 1-1-3, Jordan Anderson 2-0-4, Riley Mills 2-1-6, Cassie Martinotti 1-0-2, Lillian Martineau 5-2-12, Abby Jankoski 2-0-4, Ava Beach 1-0-2, Maggie Lagana 1-0-3. Totals 15-4-36.
MIDDLETOWN (18-2): Shalyn Smith 1-1-3, Jada Bryant 1-1-3, Alexa DeSena 1-0-2, Tyah Pettaway 12-0-26, Shadae Bushay 9-0-19, Kaila Torres 3-0-6, Ava Studinski 1-0-3, Cadence Manning 1-0-2. Totals 29-2-64.

LM	**10**	**11**	**8**	**7 — 36**	
M	**26**	**18**	**7**	**13 — 64**	

Note: Pettaway scored her 1,000th career point
CCC-East
EAST CATHOLIC 43, SOUTH WINDSOR 32
EAST CATHOLIC (3-17): Shea Boyle 3-1-7, Kayliana Salazar 4-0-11, Alexis Jablonecki 3-5-13, Zoe Latina 2-0-5, Rosie Sadlak 3-0-6. Totals 15-6-43.
SOUTH WINDSOR (8-10): Anna Matus 4-2-12, Lexie Wheeler 3-5-12, Reagan Heafey-DeAngelis 2-0-4, Maria Galley 2-0-4. Totals 11-7-32.

EC	**8**	**11**	**9**	**15 — 43**	
SW	**11**	**2**	**8**	**11 — 32**	

ENFIELD 43, RHAM 41
RHAM (14-6): Grace Whitmore 3-0-7, Sarah West 2-0-5, Kate Hancin 2-0-5, Maddy Evans 3-0-8, Lauren Fenton 1-4-7, Ailish Kleinhen 2-2-7, Kathy Chapman 0-2-2. Totals 13-8-41.
ENFIELD (19-1): Alyssa Rossignol 4-1-9, Amyah Rosado 10-8-30, Megan Marcotte 1-0-2, Sydney Marshall 1-0-2, Mia Daly 0-0-0. Totals 16-9-43.

R	**7**	**7**	**11**	**16 — 41**	
E	**9**	**13**	**7**	**14 — 43**	

CCC-West
FARMINGTON 41, AVON 30
FARMINGTON (13-7): Daria Fournier 3-4-10, Emily Sanchez 1-9-12, Brooke Jones 1-2-4, Abby Finn 0-2-2, Avery Anderson 2-3-7, Abby Bertolette 1-1-3, Anna Loughman 1-1-3. Totals 9-22-41.
AVON (5-14): Sophie Mango 1-0-2, Lindsey Arigoni 2-0-6, Erin Geary 3-0-6, Adi Standish 3-1-7, Sophia DiBella 2-0-4, Gianna Godbout 1-0-3, Lucy Belval 1-0-2. Totals 13-1-30.

F	**5**	**4**	**9**	**23 — 41**	
A	**4**	**9**	**10**	**7 — 30**	

NCCC
CANTON 56, HMTCA 21
HMTCA (3-14): Nyasia Pitts 2-0-5, Jazlyn Vega 1-0-3, Michelle Sharp 2-1-5, Ellie DiChristina 4-0-8, Sarah Springer 0-2-2. Totals 9-1-21.
CANTON (9-10): Jenna Cuniowski 5-1-11, Sophia Mates 7-0-14, Ashelyn Cebollero 3-0-6, Avery Brown 2-0-4, Julia Lau 3-0-9, Sam Yanke 2-0-4, Madisyn Reardon 2-0-4, Juliana Cavanaugh 2-0-4. Totals 28-1-56.

H	**6**	**4**	**7**	**4 — 21**	
C	**15**	**17**	**15**	**9 — 56**	

Shoreline
COGINCHAUG 38, WESTBROOK 20
WESTBROOK (9-10): Jami Sacco 4-3-13, Sadie Susi 1-0-2, Alexandra Zanzalari 0-0-0, Adrianna Stranieri 2-1-5. Totals 7-4-20.
COGINCHAUG (10-9): Hannah Nielsen 2-1-5, Serena Fournier 2-0-4, Katie Farr 4-0-8, Alyssa Woodward 2-1-5, Mia Poturnicki 3-0-6, Allison Strang 0-2-2, Chloe Shafir 3-2-8. Totals 16-6-38.

W	**4**	**2**	**7**	**7 — 20**	
C	**9**	**8**	**10**	**11 — 38**	

CRAL
WEAVER 50, CLASSICAL 37
WEAVER (13-6): Takyra Allerdyce 1-1-3, Jasmine Cardona 1-0-2, Enaijha Gilbert 7-0-16, Nicole Linares 3-1-7, Angeline Solomon 1-0-2, Zariah Thomas 2-0-5, Analis Velez 1-0-2, Nyla Young 4-1-13. Totals 20-3-50.
CLASSICAL (8-10): Jasmine CHarlery 0-2-2, Mhia Huayta-Abreu 1-0-2, LeAzijah Trapp 1-1-3, Sequoia Turcotte-Briggs 5-11-23, Reilly Fournier 3-1-7. Totals 10-15-37.

W	**10**	**15**	**12**	**13 — 50**	
C	**7**	**12**	**6**	**12 — 37**	

BOYS HOCKEY

Others
SOUTHINGTON CO-OP 3, STAPLES 2

SO	**1**	**1**	**1**	**— 3**
ST	**0**	**1**	**1**	**— 2**

Goals: SO—Jake Nafis, Drew Nafis, Mike Fusciello **ST—**Carter Fass, Jason Wolgast. **Saves: SO—**Max Scirocco, 30 **ST—**Aron Kail, 26. Rec.: **SO—**2-11 **ST—**6-10.

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-North
BLOOMFIELD 71, ROCKY HILL 52
BLOOMFIELD (15-2): Dallas Rose 4-1-9, Jaysean Williams 5-0-11, Cayden Smith 8-0-18, Jose Feliciano 0-1-1, Lake Mclean 6-0-12, Davion Kerr 7-4-20. Totals 32-6-71.
ROCKY HILL (1-15): Tyler Carlstrom 2-0-5, Luke Castanho 1-0-2, Shiv Ghutadaria 2-0-4, Jayden Osei-Tutu 10-0-20, Jake Polites 4-0-8, Evan Sikorski 6-0-13. Totals 25-0-52.

B	**11**	**23**	**21**	**16 — 71**	
RH	**14**	**10**	**14**	**14 — 52**	

BULKELEY 49, WETHERSFIELD 48
WINDSOR 86, NEW BRITAIN 49
CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 80, MIDDLETOWN 34

CCC-East
MANCHESTER 72, TOLLAND 46
TOLLAND (3-13): Nathan Bowes 2-3-8, Michael Enman 1-2-4, Dan Kennedy 1-1-5, Cullen Rublewski 2-0-4, Gavin Bagnall 6-1-13, Joey Keane 4-0-9, Can Lumia 1-0-3. Totals 17-7-46.
MANCHESTER (13-5): Laquonne Thames 5-1-13, Troy Butler 1-0-3, Damian Sanchez 3-1-8, Jared Lindstrom 4-1-9, Lucas Ryan 1-0-2, Taber Marineau 1-0-3, Jayden Cersosimo 9-0-26, Jermaine Robinson 1-0-4, Adrian Peterson 2-0-4. Totals 27-3-72.

T	**7**	**9**	**7**	**23 — 46**	
M	**16**	**23**	**16**	**17 — 72**	

CCC-Inter
ENFIELD 79, HARTFORD PUBLIC 57
CONARD 68, E.O. SMITH 44
EAST HARTFORD 59, NEWINGTON 57
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 54, EAST CATHOLIC 51
MALONEY 45, SOUTHINGTON 30

NCCC
ROCKVILLE 69, HMTCA 43
HMTCA (5-14): Derrick Sheets 3-0-9, Seth Moore 3-0-7, Russell Smith 1-3-5, Christian Smith 2-0-5, Marcus Calderon 2-0-4, Nate Moyer 1-0-2, Eyad Anwer 2-0-4, Corey Jerrick 1-0-3, Josh O'Neal 1-0-2, Jayden Cruz 1-0-2. Totals 17-3-43.
ROCKVILLE (9-10): Juneil Powell 3-0-7, Weston LaBrecque 5-0-12, Jayden Tate 1-0-3, Cam Washington 1-0-2, Dylan Resendes 6-3-16, John Ryan 4-0-9, Brendan Fauteux 2-0-4, Eric Montez Jr. 4-4-14, Amir Knighton 1-0-2. Totals 27-7-69.

H	**12**	**6**	**8**	**17 — 43**	
R	**14**	**35**	**20**	**10 — 69**	

WINDSOR LOCKS 69, COVENTRY 45
COVENTRY (10-8): Aiden Jeamel 4-3-11, Ryan Sandhal 0-1-1, AJ Rooks 2-0-5, Vinny LoRicco 4-3-12, Joey Pezzino 1-0-2, Wyatt Wendry 5-4-14. Totals 16-11-45.
WINDSOR LOCKS (8-10): Jaydon Buckle 13-4-30, Jaheime Thomas 2-0-5, Chris Vega 4-0-9, Kyle Hinckley 2-0-5, Aidan Walker 2-0-5, Austin Smith 3-0-7, Jamari Murrell 3-2-8. Totals 29-6-69.

C	**11**	**20**	**6**	**8 — 45**	
WL	**6**	**24**	**20**	**19 — 69**	

STAFFORD 61, EAST WINDSOR 45
SOMERS 47, EAST GRANBY 40
Shoreline
OLD LYME 61, OLD SAYBROOK 55
CROMWELL 53, VALLEY REGIONAL 44

CTC
CHENEY TECH 76, GRASSO TECH 48

CRAL
WEAVER 79, AEROSPACE 62
CAPITAL PREP 73, INNOVATION 33

SCC
XAVIER 63, GUILFORD 49

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-Inter
WINDSOR 45, BERLIN 39
WINDSOR (11-7): Mikaela Williams 1-2-4, Summer Riley 3-0-9, Mariana Pizerro Ayala 1-0-2, Janet Woodward 3-4-13, Jordyn Bay-Kent 2-1-5, Ayanna Franks 3-6-12. Totals 14-13-45.
BERLIN (13-7): Jenna Wenzel 1-2-4, Janessa Yaconiello 1-1-5, Rylee Cop 2-0-4, Clare McGeever 3-1-6, Emma Ellison 0-1-1, Alivia Halkias 2-2-7, Kailee DeMaio 2-6-10, Maddy Sadowski 1-0-2. Totals 12-12-39.

W	**12**	**11**	**12**	**10 — 45**	
B	**4**	**17**	**9**	**9 — 39**	

HALL 32, SOUTH WINDSOR 28
HALL (5-15): Talia Sortman 1-0-2, McKenzie Mandyck 3-0-9, Julia Zydanowicz 1-0-2, Madison Maxwell 3-0-6, Abigail Magendantz 5-3-13. Totals 13-3-32.
SOUTH WINDSOR (7-12): Anna Matus 6-0-13, Lexie Wheeler 2-2-8, Reagan Heafey-DeAngelis 1-2-4, Katie Dunn 0-0-0, Maria Galley 1-2-4. Totals 6-4-28.

H	**6**	**8**	**6**	**12 — 32**	
SW	**5**	**7**	**8**	**8 — 28**	

NCCC
CANTON 40, BOLTON 34
CANTON (10-10): Sophia Mates 2-2-6, Gabriella DelSanto 1-0-3, Jenna Cuniowski 7-3-19, Avery Brown 3-2-10, Ashelyn Cebollero 1-0-2. Totals 14-7-40.
BOLTON (14-5): Emma Diehl 5-2-13, Niya Islam 4-0-10, Isabel Kenney 1-0-3, Makenna Graves 3-1-7, Julia Zimmerman 0-1-1. Totals 13-4-34.

C	**9**	**11**	**8**	**6**	**6 —40**
B	**13**	**9**	**9**	**3**	**0 —34**

Note: Diehl had a double-double with 10rebounds.
ROCKVILLE 55, HMTCA 25
ROCKVILLE (6-14): Anaya Tolton 4-2-12, Jordan Karpoff 4-2-12, Jenny Gorski 4-0-8, Layla Tate 2-0-6, Sarah Stone 3-0-6, Julia Szuminski 0-1-1, Chloe Keane 1-1-3, Jaiden Torres 1-0-2, Liana Wheelock-Bonet 1-0-3, Kennedy Gidarakos 3-0-6. Totals 23-6-55.
HMTCA (3-15): Nyasia Pitts 3-1-9, Jazlyn Vega 1-0-2, Michelle Sharp 1-0-2, Deysha Rivera 2-2-8, Elle DiChristina 2-0-4. Totals 9-3-25.

R	**19**	**9**	**14**	**13 — 55**	
H	**7**	**7**	**9**	**2 — 25**	

STAFFORD 42, EAST WINDSOR 21
STAFFORD (11-8): Raina Caro 2-0-5, Camden Smith 2-0-4, Andrea Moulton 5-0-10, Jaelyn Moulton 5-1-12, Drea Oswell 3-1-7, Kayle Gutierrez 1-2-4. Totals 18-4-42.
EAST WINDSOR (8-11): Sammi Ruggiero 0-0-0, Ally Ragaglia 0-0-0, Bailey Winner 5-4-14, Alex Witzke 0-0-0, Katie Blume 3-1-7. Totals 8-5-21.

S	**9**	**10**	**13**	**10 — 42**	
EW	**7**	**5**	**4**	**5 — 21**	

COVENTRY 46, WINDSOR LOCKS 26

Shoreline
CROMWELL 53, VALLEY REGIONAL 44
VALLEY REGIONAL (16-3): Ava Cunningham 2-0-5, Lily Grow 5-1-11, Bitzy Klomp 4-0-8, Abby Bradbury 4-2-11, Olivia Cunningham 0-2-2, Liz Allen 2-2-7. Totals 17-7-44.
CROMWELL (15-4): Kayla Nappi 4-3-11, Grace Mikan 1-0-3, Cameryn Hickey 2-6-10, Jessica Grodzicki 3-4-11, Nevaeh Clark 0-2-2, Adela Cecunjanin 4-7-16. Totals 14-22-53.

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